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ENGLISH CRICKET FAILS TO MAKE THE GRADE It's ALL in the WORLD OF SPORT

curity Services resigned yes-terday after only 10 months on the job, because of the agency's failure to prevent the assassination of Yitzhak Peres said in a statement that he accepted the resignation "with regret," at the insistence of the GSS head, who can only be identified by the

first initial of his first name, Although K., who spent 26

ON LEVY and agencies

THE head of the General Se-

head to be considered an expert on Jewish radicalism rather than Arah terror, he was accused by critics of having failed to ade-quately deal with the possibility that a Jew would try to kill the

In his resignation letter, ex-Prime Minister Shimon said he was stepping down because "the failure that resulted in the terrible murder was first and foremost that of the service." But he denied personal wrongdoing and vowed to "continue to defend myself."

During his tenure, the GSS also scored many successes. His the assassination of arch-terrorist Yihye Ayyash, "The Engineer," which was widely attributed to the GSS, and the service's revelation it had captured Abed Bel-baysi, the man who planned the Beit Lid bombings.

Beit Lid bombings.

"It is good that he leaves office with the glory of the operation attributed to the GSS," said Gideon Ezra, a former deputy GSS

K., 45, married and the father of three, was born in Jerusalem and is the fifth generation of his family in the country. He was very close to Ya'acov Perry, his (Continued on Page 2)

GSS head resigns after 10 months on job OC Central Command Ilan Biran preferred candidate to take over

OC CENTRAL Command Maj. Gen. Ilan Biran is the preferred candidate to become the new accept it. head of the General Security Service, senior sources at the Prime

Minister's Office said yesterday. Sources in Jerusalem believe that an outsider has a better chance of being named to the post than someone inside the service. This would be a first, as all previous GSS chiefs have come from its ranks.

When K. was appointed last year, several senior GSS officers resigned, after deciding their promotional paths had been perma-nently blocked. Most of the current branch heads, appointed by K., are relatively young. Even his deputy R., is believed to be

Biran is due to complete his term as the head of Central Command in April. In the past he has denied being interested in the GSS post, hut the sources said they believe he would now

Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres, who is directly responsible for the GSS, will soon begin a series of consul-tations to find a replacement for K. The sources in Peres's office said the prime minister had refrained from searching for such a replacement until now.

"Peres believed that the current GSS chief should continue; he believed in the resigning chief and really wanted him to stay on," a source said.

Most of those mooted for the position so far are former or current IDF major-generals. Among them is the prime minister's military secretary, Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom - who is also believed to be interested in heading the Mossad. Others mentioned include Uri Saguy, Yitzhak Mordechai,

The first two, however, are not likely to get the post, having recently indicated their political preferences after joining Labor and the Likud, respectively. Yaron is believed to have little

Another option would be to recall a former GSS chief to fill in temporarily to provide stability. Avraham Ahituv, who headed the GSS between 1974-81, was mentioned as a possibili-

There is a precedent for this: In 1986, when Avraham Shalom resigned following the Bus No. 300 incident. Peres, who was then prime minister, called on one of Shalom's predecessors, Yosef Harmelin, to fill in temporarily. Harmelin served for two years until Ya'acov Perry, K.'s predecessor, was appointed.

Another option is to ask Perry to return to the post for a short



Two men ski by NY's Times Square yesterday during the city a than worst blizzard in history, which closed all airports. Story, Page 5.

Jihad leader: Israel to pay price for Ayyash

Ramadan Shallah, warned yes terday that Israel would pay "a heavy price" for the deaths of

Yihye Ayyash and Fathi Shkaki. Shallah was chosen to head Islamic Jihad after Shkaki, its previous leader, was assassinated in Malta in October. His group hlames the slaying on the

In an interview conducted at Islamic Jihad's office in Damascus, Sballah said the killings would "accelerate jihad and attacks against Israeli targets."

The Israelis have to know that they should also pay a price for their terrorism. It will be a heavy price and will be as heavy as the assassination of both leaders: Shkaki and Ayyash," Shallah said. Prime Minister Shimon Peres LIAT COLLINS, JON IMMANUEL, and news agencies

refused to comment directly, when asked if Israel had a role in the assassination of Ayyash, but added, "If somebody thinks that he can kill Israelis and Israel will remain indifferent, that's a slight

eraggeration."
Peres dismissed charges that the assassination placed PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in a difficult position. Peres said Israel has done everything it could to boost Ara-fat's standing by withdrawing from West Bank towns according to the promised timetable.

"I think the uncomfortable situation was created by Hamas and. Islamic Jihad, not by Israel," Peres told reporters. "We did whatever we could to create a comfortable position for Arafat."

Later, Peres told the Labor faction, "When I saw Yihye Ayyash's funeral on television and I saw the Palestinian policemen there, I said to myself, Thank God that it's not our police." Meanwhile, the wife of Kamal

Hamad, suspected by Gazans of delivering the booby-trapped celfular phone which killed Ayyash, said vesterday that her husband did not fice to the US on Friday, but left for the US last Tuesday, three days before the explosion. His wife told Channel 2 report-

er Suleiman Shafi that Hamad was not involved in the elimination of Ayyash and did not have close relations with Israel.

But as a contractor, he would have had frequent contact with

the civil administration to receive necessary building permits during the years of Israeli rule.

Hamad, 42, the father of 18, speaks Hebrew well and was interviewed over the past two years by Efrat Michaeli for Uvda, the Channel 2 documentary series, and by Israel Radio. He was critical of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, and said raising a large family was his way of fighting Israel.

Security sources denied Hamad's involvement in the killing. Meanwhile, in Halhoul, Hamas held a large rally in memory of Ayyash and against the Pales-tinian elections. One of the organizers was Nayef Rajoub, younger brother of Jibril Rajonb, head of Palestinian Preventive

Security in the West Bank.

'Commission would have asked K. to quit' BILL HUTMAN

THE resignation of the GSS head yesterday probably only pre-empted by several weeks a recommendation by the Shamgar wards, the sources said.

Commission that he step down. Sources close to the commission said K. is likely to be found responsible for the failure of the GSS to protect prime minister Yitzhak Rabin the night he was

Those findings were likely to be followed by the recommenda-tion the GSS chief resign, the

sources said. The sources emphasized the commission's inquiry will contin-

murdered.

ue as scheduled. to continue three or four more weeks, with a report detailing the findings released soon after-

Last month, K. - along with five other GSS officers and one police officer - was issued a warning letter by the commission detailing his alleged failures in run-

ning the service. The commission's letters to the GSS chief and other officers included a specific warning that disciplinary and legal action may be recommended against them.

The GSS head "was not as diligent as he should have been in He apparently "did not check the information relating to the possibility of [an attack on the prime, minister by Jewish extremists]."

He also did not "act as was required in guiding the opera-tions of the VIP protection unit; to reflect ... the dangers that existed to those being guarded."

The commission emphasized these findings were initial, and that K. would be given the chance to defend himself and. bring witnesses before the commission to testify on his behalf.

But the commission also made clear the seriousness of the allegations, stating the initial find-

(Continued on Page 2)

Barak, Arafat

hold talks in Paris

PARIS (Renter) - Foreign Minis-ter Ehud Barak and PLO leader Yasser Arafat met French leaders yesterday and were due to hold private talks despite tension be-tween the PLO and Israel over the

killing of Yihye Ayyash.
Officials said the two were to meet late last night at a Paris hotel. Today they will attend a meeting with representatives of some 50 donor nations and organizations helping fund the PA. Full reports, Page 8



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Peres pays tribute to Mitterrand

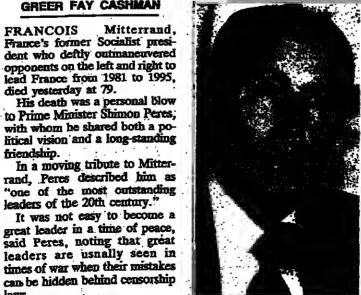
GREER FAY CASHMAN

FRANCOIS Mitterrand, France's former Socialist president who deftly outmaneuvered opponents on the left and right to lead France from 1981 to 1995, died vesterday at 79.

His death was a personal blow to Prime Minister Shimon Peres. with whom he shared both a po-litical vision and a long-standing friendship. In a moving tribute to Mitter-

"one of the most outstanding leaders of the 20th century." It was not easy to become a great leader in a time of peace, said Peres, noting that great leaders are usually seen in times of war when their mistakes

Mitterrand was keenly appreciative of nature, literature, history, and the arts, said Peres, and he was very well informed on the history of the Jewish people. "He was a good friend of Israel and a supporter of the peace pro-



François Mitterrand(Isaac Harari)

cess," he said. To illustrate Mitterrand's friendship for Israel, Peres referred to the period prior to the

Iraq. At Israel's request, Mitter-rand had promised that France would send no more uranium to Iraq. It was a promise that he

But the most enduring, far more personal memory that Peres will cherish is of a luncheon at the Elysee Palace, where he learned from Mitterrand's physician that he had been diagnosed two days earlier as having cancer.

The physician had wanted to hospitalize him immediately, but Mitterrand had refused and insisted on keeping his lancheon appointment with

Mitterrand is to buried on Thursday, after a private funeral, in a family tomb at Jamac, his birtbplace in sontbwestern France.

President Ezer Weizman is expected to attend the funeral as part of a series of state visits which begin tomorrow. Bathsheva Tsur contributed to

this report. Mitterrand, Page 4

Assad hails atmosphere of Maryland talks

recent talks with Israel were conducted in a better atmosphere than previous negotiations, President Hafez Assad said yesterday, according to his spokesman Jou-

bran Kourieb. "President Assad pointed out meet US Secretary of State Warthat the talks, which were held in the US, were conducted in a bet-

DAMASCUS (Reuter) - Syria's ter atmosphere than before," Kourieh said. Assad's remarks are his first

comment on the talks, which resumed in Maryland after a sixmonth hiatus.

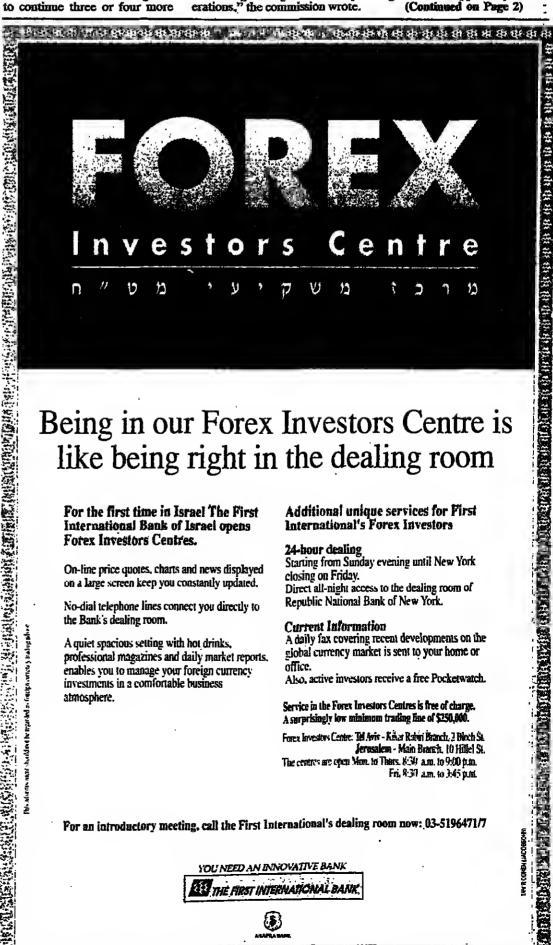
The Syrian leader is due to ren Christopher, who will visit Damascus later this week as part

of a regional tour to follow up the Maryland talks.

Christopher was forced to can-cel a scheduled departure for Paris to attend the donor conference, and will instead fly directly to Israel tomorrow where he will meet with PM Shimon Peres.

William Perry meets Peres,

and the state of t



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K.'s resignation draws mixed reaction from ministers, MKs

LIAT COLLINS and agencies

responsibility, instead of the min-

Hanan Porat (National Reli-

gious Party) called the resigna-

non "a necessity" following Ra-

bin's assassination and "the

operation of GSS agents, which

meant be was walking the tightrope between operational and

In the GSS itself, the resigna-

tion was received with under-

standing and sadness. Senior

sources there said that his resig-

nation had been expected in light of the Rabin assassination, "K.'s

leaving is a bard hlow to the ser-

vice, but we will know bow to

recover from it. K. did excellent

work and won the appreciation of

about the resignation, with a se-

On Levy contributed to this

Top IDF hrass were also sad

many," one source said.

with him."

'I can now leave

my post confident

the GSS is recovering'

IN his letter of resignation to Prime Minister Shimon Peres, the

head of the General Security Service thanked Peres for his

support and rejected the allegations in the warning letters he and

other GSS officials received last month from the Shamgar Com-

mission investigating the Rabin assassination. Some excerpts:

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, I stood before you and the

cabinet and admitted that the failure that resulted in the terrible

"After this, I submitted my resignation. I did this guided by

"When you related to my accepting responsibility and my

my belief that the management of any government institution

request to resign - which you rejected - you stressed the challenges facing the service, primarily the fight against Islamic

terror and the need to protect the diplomatic process. You did

not spare time or effort to assure service employees and myself

insisted on resigning I would be abandoning my colleagues, who

did not stop fulfilling their tasks even during the tough days of

mourning...
"I totally reject the charges implied in the warnings sent to me by the [Shamgar Commission]. This is why I instructed my

attorney and my aides to continue defending my position before

the commission ... to assure that its conclusions would be in

keeping with the needs, abilities, and limitations of the GSS...

that the service is recovering and can carry out all its assign-

Passed away at the age 87

SABA CHAIM (Felix) WAHLE

and joined our mother Tutzi (grandmother Tirza)

The funeral wil take place today, January 9, 1996 (17 Tevet, 5756),

at 3 p.m. at the cometery in Holon. Meeting in the entrance.

Please retrain from condolence visits

In profound sorrow, we announce the passing of our dear

AVRAHAM STERN

The funeral will take place today,

Tuesday, January 9, 1996, at 12 noon, at the cemetery

Edit Solar

Boaz, Naama, Assi, Yuval Hutl and Itzchaky Sheves, Kibbutz Erez

Ran, Ayala, Tamer, Yair, and Giyora Amnon Dani and Nira Wahle, Kibbutz Yotvata

'I now believe that I can leave my post with full confidence

"I then felt that with the service's image at its nadir, if I

murder was first and foremost that of the service.

must be above reproach...

"Several days after the assassination of Prime Minister and

isterial level.

political levels.

MINISTERS, MKs and security personnel quickly responded to the resignation of the General Security Service chief, K., although reaction was mixed.

Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal said the service is "losing one of the most capable and talented men." He called for a new chief to be speedily appointed, "whether from within or outside GSS ranks.

"He was a dedicated person, and we in the police will miss one of the best friends we've bad. I think the nation owes a great debt to the GSS head. He has done a lot to try to stabilize the security services at a very critical

time," Shahal said. He said be did not believe K.'s decision to resign was directly linked to the developments in the Shamgar Commission's inquiry into the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. "I understand the move. but don't agree with it. As a country, we don't appreciate leaders. We didn't show any appreciation for Moses, and we didn't appreciate K."

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, a member of the Interministerial Committee on the GSS, said he regretted the decision, hut added that it was "probably

Justice Minister David Liba't said K 's decision should be respected. "He drew his own conclusions and resigned," he said. Labor Knesset faction chair-

man Ra'anan Cohen, who has recently called for the GSS chief's resignation, praised the "wise decision which will allow him to defend himself and the GSS to de-

Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee chairman Haggai Me- report.



Visiting US Defense Secretary William Perry flies over Jerusalem in an air force helicopter yesterday.

Perry: US willing to send troops to Golan

THE US is prepared to send troops to the LIAT COLLINS, GREER FAY CASHMAN, Golan Heights to bolster a peace agreement, if both Syria and Israel request help, US Defense Secretary William Perry said

monitoring force on the Golan Heights, and if both Israel and Syria request the US participate in that, we are prepared to do that," he told reporters after meeting Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

mor IDF source saying: 'In the past year, we worked together on peace treaty with Egypt. The US is one of a dozen nations that many projects. K. is an honest provides troops for the 2,400-member Sinai

and news agencies

Such a force, Peres said, would provide "a multinational presence that guarantees the continuation of peace without endangering the soldiers who are present there.

We have never asked for American sol-

to ask this sort of participation in the future,

may give an additional guarantee to the public opinion in Israel, and that's a good reason for

Peres also told the Labor Knesset faction that "the negotiations with Syria are not just a matter of the Golan Heights, but an opportunity for the end of wars in the Middle East. An opportunity has been created to end the wars, and we won't give up on that easily," be

"Not only Syria's aspirations, hut also Israel's were discussed" at the talks in Maryland. Maps, water sources, financial aid and security arrangements were not presented, be

"Israel is not dealing with threats, but with peace, and wants a chance for peace with Syria," Peres said. He added he would like an alternative to the oft-quoted equation "peace for territories," because "we are giving terri-tory, which is a concrete object, while we'll be receiving peace, which is something promised [not concrete]."

process," be said,

ter to decide.

confuses the public.

to such a proposal.

chance for a peace agreement in

1996. Any talk of bringing the-

"On the same reasoning, I

elections forward sabotages the

could say why the elections should be brought forward, it could speed up the negotiations,"

said Religious Affairs Minister

Yael Dayan said both the ne-

Avi Yehezkel and Yoram Lass

Elsewhere in the Knesset, the

gotiations and the elections

should be left to the prime minis-

both said talk of early elections

National Religious Party an-

nounced it would not initiate car-

ly elections, but would not object

Tsomet welcomed the sugges-

tion to bring the elections for-

ward. Party leader Rafael Eitan

said the government should also

announce that it will take no

steps necessitating public approv-

is a waste of taxpayer's money

to keep the housing units empty,

Greer Fay Cashman contribut-

al before the elections.

ed to this report.

Shimon Shetreet in an aside.

Clinton reassures Lebanese on sovereignty

DAVID RUDGE

IDF gunners blasted Hizbullah targets north of the security zone yesterday after a long-range attack on an army convoy in the Beaufort castle region.

There were no reports of any casualties among IDF or South Lebanese Army troops in the re-gion as a result of the mortar attack on the convoy.

Reports from Lebanon said IDF gunners fired scores of shells at targets north of the zone in response to the mortar fire.

The shooting yesterday fol-lowed two abortive roadside bombing attacks by Hizbullah against SLA targets in the zone and the Jezzine enclave to the north on Sunday.

Reports from Lehanon said a roadside bomb exploded alongside a civilian car being driven by an SLA soldier near Jezzine. The soldier was unhurt but the car was reportedly destroyed. A similar incident occurred near Huleh village, also without causing any casualties.

Meanwhile, Lebanese newspapers reported yesterday that US President Bill Clinton had categorically denied reports of any proposed deal between Syria and Israel over Lehanon's

sovereignty.

There had been reports in the Hebrew and foreign press that Israel had proposed acknowledging Syria's presence in Lebanon in return for a Syrian commitment to curb Hizbullah and calm the situation in south Lebanon.

Lehanese newspapers quoted Clinton as saying that the US was committed to the 'independence, sovereignty and unity of Lebanon."

The papers said Clinton's remarks were contained in a letter to the "Council of Lebanese-American Organizations," a group composed of Americans of Lebanese origin. The body bad earlier sent a letter to Clinton expressing concern over the possibility of US acknowledgment of

Syria's presence in Lebanon.
The newspapers quoted Clinton as saying, in his response, that he looked forward to the day when Lebanon would be at peace and liberated from all foreign

"I think there is a real chance to achieve a fair and comprehensive peace between Israel and its neighbors, including Lebanon, Clinton reportedly wrote to the American-Lebanese

organization. On another matter, Lebanese President Elias Harawi yesterday reiterated that UN resolution 425 - calling for the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon constituted the basis for a just and comprehensive peace with

Israel. He stressed that Lebanon would be responsible for ensuring peace and security in the south of the country, if or when the IDF withdrew from the security zone.

Harawi, speaking at the annual reception for the diplomatic corps in Lebanon, also stressed that Lebanon would not countenance the resettlement of Palestinians in Lehanon.

Goldfarb said in the letter that it

and have to pay for security guards to ensure they are not vandalized. Goldfarb said the units should be rented ont, with a stipulation made in the contracts that if there is a change in the political situa-

to move ont within 90 days. But according to Zvi Hendel, head of the Gaza Council Regional Council, Goldfarb's directive, although "important," will not have much of an impact on the two settlements in Gaza. For instance, he said, the apartments available in Nisanit are not of a standard that will attract people to the settlement.

tion, the residents will be willing

Ticketed MKs to have driving course

MKs will get a chance to learn defensive driving techniques today. A special course is opening at the Knesset following a number of incidents in which MKs have been involved in traffic violations.

The course for MKs and Knesset employees who have accumulated points for traffic offenses, including Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, will include issues such as driving in difficult conditions, tiredness, head-on collisions, analyzing road conditions, speeding, right-of-way, and road safety regulations. Liat Collins

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"If the peace agreement between Israel and Syria is reached, which we hope and believe

will happen, and if that calls for a peace

Peres, speaking to a Foreign Press Association luncheon, conditionally accepted the proposal, saying a multinational force for the Golan should be modeled after the one sent to Sinai after Israel's withdrawal under the

and brave man, who gives those around him a sense of security. It was a treat to work opposite and

Peres said he was not asking for a fighting force that would defend Israel, but a symbolic

diers to defend our lives, and we are not going

A peace force on the Golan would reassure Israelis and deter Syrians, he said.
"An international or multinational force

any future Syrian leader not to turn back to

Oslo 2 bill passes its first reading

LIAT COLLINS

in Knesset

THE Knesset last night passed, 41-32, on first reading the bill on the implementation of Oslo 2. Shas MKs were absent from the

The bill is intended to legislate different aspects of the Oslo 2 agreement, including a clause to allow Arab residents of east Jerusalem to vote in post offices there.

The discussion itself was marked by raised voices and beckling which recalled the period before the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Before the plenum debate, the Knesset spent hours arguing about the interpretation of the House Rules on whether the vote could be seen as a no-confidence motion, as the opposition demanded, or a motion of confidence in the government, as the coalition wanted. A no-confidence motion would have postponed the vote by another week. while a confidence motion means the vote takes place the same

The opposition wanted to delay the vote to disrupt the Palestinian Authority elections, scheduled to take place January 20. The bill must pass all three readings for the elections to take

place as planned. After frantic meetings, and following the House Committee's decision to accept the government's request for a monon of confidence and to rule out the possibility of a filibuster, as the opposition wanted, the debate

began. Justice Minister David Liba'i presented the government's call for the bill to be passed. The government's stand is the agreement has been internationally accepted and must be observed.

Opposition speakers crinicized not only the bill and Oslo accords but also the government's bandling of the bill's passage. They said the government bad trampled on Knesset procedure and democracy. Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu said Jerusalem's status would be harmed by the

Deputy speaker Ovadia Eli (Likud) said he had absented himself from the Knesset presidium's meeting on the handling of the bill to protest the fact the House Rules had been ignored.

At the end of the dehate, it was decided the House Committee would determine to which committee the bill will be referred for preparation for second and third readings.

defense.

The Likud is still contemplating further maneuvers to stall

"WE'RE not dealing with bringing forward the elections; we're dealing with promoting peace," Prime Minister Shimon Peres told the Labor Knesset faction at its weekly meeting yesterday.

The main thrust of the meeting was that the government must continue the peace process and not deal with domestic election The focus was equally divided

between the two issues, following morning radio interview in which faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen said he would agree to a proposal to bring the elections

Peres publicly chastised Cohen for having said he would be prepared to bring forward the elecrions if the Likud also agreed to

Likud faction chairman Moshe Katsav said in the same radio interview he would be prepare to cooperate on a bill to bring the elections forward, although the timing would not be convenient for either party.

Peres made it clear that he

LIAT COLLINS

Peres: Election date will stay as is

does not support such a move. Speaking earlier to members of the Foreign Press Association, Peres said, "It was Moshe Katsav who suggested early elections, not me. In accordance with the law, we have to hold elections on October 29, and it is my role as

prime minister to uphold the Peres was adament that unless there is an "overriding reason" to bring the elections forward, the date will remain as scheduled.

If a full agreement is reached with Syria, he said, "we'll bring it to a referendum before the elections. That was our commitment, and we intend to respect it.'

Cohen clarified be had made no promises regarding early elections and would do nothing before a faction discussion.

"The Likud should stop threatening us with early elections," Cohen said.

Haggai Merom said talk of early elections is harmful to the ne-

HERB KEINON

There are currently hundreds

of government-owned apart-

ments which, because of the

K.'s attorney Eli Zohar said

the GSS chief, who was abroad

on November 4, decided none-

theless to resign the moment be

heard of the assassination. But

Zohar denied the resignation

was related to the commission

proceedings. Immediately after

the assassination, he said, "K.

was convinced that leaving would

be like abandoning the field of

last two months to put the GSS

back on its feet, "[K.] came to the

conclusion that the time was right

Bill Hutman contributed to this

to step down."

report.

But, after taking steps over the

battle, and that is not his style."

Peres rejected the offer then.

min Ben-Eliezer yesterday.

gotiations with Syria. "There's a

Goldfarb wants to rent out empty housing in 3 settlements

DEPUTY Housing Minister Alex Goldfarb plans to issue a directive allowing people to move into empty government-owned homes in Karnei Shomron in Samaria, and Alei Sinai and Nisanit in the northern Gaza Strip, according to a letter he wrote to Housing Minister Binya-

(Continued from Page 1) immediate predecessor, but was less well liked by others in the service, and was criticized for a lack of experience with Palestinians in the territories.

GSS officials have admitted that security measures at the November 4 rally in Tel Aviv. at which Rabin was shot, were primarily aimed at preventing an attack by Arabs. A video of the killing showed the security around Rabin was surprisingly

K, and five other GSS operatives bad been warned by the Shamgar Commission of inquiry into the security hlunders leading to Rabin's death that they could be harmed by its eventual

COMMISSION

(Continued from Page 1) First, an analyst who helped properly do his duty." with a recent restructuring within Today, the commission is the GSS spoke on his behalf, folscheduled to hear the testimony lowed by Deputy Defense Minisof a GSS officer, and then give ter Ori Orr, who worked closely time for the officers issued warnwith K in his former post as ing letters to present witnesses. Knesset Foreign Affairs and De-

tioned by the commission. After-K. is attempting to demonward, K. was allowed to begin to strate he was aware of the threat bring witnesses to speak in his by right-wing extremists and took the proper steps in response.

Yesterday, Police Inspectorfense Committee chairman. General Assaf Hefetz was ques-

at Givat Shaul, Jerusalem. Wife, Mira Stern Daughter, Lea Levinson Grandson, David Levinson

GEOFFREY WINGATE 77 passed away in London, January 8, 1996.

Deeply mourned by his sister Norma Shachter,

brother-in-law, nieces and their families in Israel.

freeze imposed on housing in the settlements, remain empty in these three settlements.

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Girl, 7, dies in Jaffa fire

RIKKI Sa'adi, 7, burned to death Monday night, when a fire broke out in her family's home in a Jaffa caravan site.

Initial investigation by the Fire Department determined the fire was probably caused by a short circuit in an electric heater in the girl's bedroom. The girl apparently woke up, saw the flames enguising her room, and tried to get ont, but she was overcome by the smoke. Her body was found on the bedroom floor.

Her parents - David, 33, and Gila, 30 - managed to get out of the burning house, but were unable to save their daughter. They were treated for smoke inhalation at Wolfson Hospital in

Holon.
"We heard the girl screaming,
'Help me! Help me!" said
neighbor Rahel Abn Dahan. "But we were unable to do a thing. The whole structure was burning; you couldn't get near it.

"I saw her father David try to rescue her, but the flames blocked his way. Gila also couldn't do anything, and the two of them stood outside crying, watching their daughter burn

After the fire was put out, the municipality sent a team of psychologists and social workers to the caravan site to assist the neighbors, who were all in shock. A hotel room was offered to the Sa'adis, but they went to David's parents' home. An Amidar rental apartment was later found for them in Holon.

Neighbor's complained that the Fire Department was slow in arriving, but Tel Aviv Fire Chief Aharon Eshel insisted his men had arrived within minutes of receiving the call. "We're used to complaints like this," he said. "In time of trouble, each minute



Interior Minister Haim Ramon shows a member of an Israel Bonds rabbinical mission how to work with cement at yesterday's cornerstone-laying ceremony of Modi'in's city hall building. (Flash 90)

Children's rights official slams capital lockup

THE animals at Jerusalem's relatives were allowed to meet Tisch Biblical Zoo have it better with the young prisoners under than teenage prisoners at the capthan teenage prisoners at the capital's Russian Compound locktor of Defense for Children International (DCI), said

yesterday. "There was one cell in which the kids told us 19 people sleep at night, with only five mattresses." Veerman said, after a visit to the minors section of the jail.

The cells were extremely cold, even during the daytime visit, and the bathrooms recked despite having obviously been cleaned up before the DCI delegation arrived, according to Veerman. "Things have really improved since five or six years ago. during the intifada, when there were 100 kids here and the overcrowding was horrendous," Veerman said. However, there are still many improvements needed, he added. "The new zoo, is a nicer place to stay," he said.

DCI is preparing a report on the lock-up that it plans to pre-sent to Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal.

In addition to the conditions in the cells, DCI also found that

ACRI charges: Police beat bound prisoner

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for only partial visual contact and Police told the delegation the metal wall and small window di-

viding those held there from their visitors was essential to ensure that detainees and prisoners were not given drugs or weapons. Police also rejected the allega-

tion that one cell had 19 prisoners, saying it had only 12 - the number of beds in the cell. Police said there were only five mattresses in the cell because the youths had not asked for more, delegation members said.

Veerman said conditions at the the Russian Compound were better than those of prisons he visited in the southern US, but much worse than many northern Euro-

Police, in response to the criticism, released a statement admitting there were problems at the lockup – which is supposed to hold only those waiting trial – because convicted prisoners are also being held there for lack of space in the nation's regular pris-

A BOUND prisoner was beaten by policemen in front of an Associ-ation for Civil Rights in Israel staffer, ACRI said in a complaint for investigating policemen. The complaint was filed by

Orna Cohen, of Haifa, a trainee lawyer with ACRL While sitting at home late last Tuesday night, she suddenly heard a man screaming for help and begging to be taken to the hospital. She ran out of her house and saw three plainclothesmen surrounding the screaming man, who was lying on the

One of the policemen began stomping on the man's body, and another began hitting him, Cohen said. The second policeman then hauled him up and began shaking him violently, she said. Afterward, the policeman let the prisoner fall to the ground, and the man lay without moving. However, he groaned repeatedly, begging the policemen to remove his coat so he could breathe and to take him to the hospital. Cohen said the man was bleeding from the mouth and

When Cohen came closer, she saw that the man's hands were

tied. She demanded to know the. policemen's identities, but they re-fused to tell her, and ordered her to leave. About 10 more policetween her and the prisoner to prevent her from seeing what was happening, she said. They then re-

peated their order to her to leave. "We are conducting an investigation, and you don't need to see or hear what we are doing or saying," they said, according to Cohen. An unmarked car then came to take the prisoner away.

Cohen filed a complaint with the division for investigating po-licemen the next day, but it was located the prisoner only 48 hours later, when he was brought to court for a remand hearing. The man, whose identity ACRI does not want to reveal, was charged

with breaking and entering.
When ACRI representatives went to visit the prisoner in the police lock-up the following day, he appeared badly battered and complained of sharp pains, and charged that be was not getting appropriate medical treatment.

The division for investigating policemen is still looking into the matter, ACRI said.

Ministry: This year's flu outbreak is serious

THE number of deaths from pneumonia in the first week of the month was 40 percent above the previous five-year average, an indication of the seriousness of this winter's flu outbreak, the Health Ministry said yesterday.

Seventy-one people died from it during that week, compared to 38 during the first week of January 1995, 45 during the corresponding week in 1994 and 44

The latest major outbreak

was in 1992: 82 people died of pneumonia during the first week of that year. The ministry fears that this year will be like 1992.

The wave of influenza infections is likely to continue through March, the ministry said yesterday. Health officials urged people at high risk - the elderly and the chronically ill of all ages - to get a flu shot if they have not already done so this

season.

The flu appeared early this winter, with the first cases isolated at the end of October. This season, three strains of flu have appeared: A(H3-N2); A(H1-N1) and B. All of these are in-

cluded in this year's vaccine. Dr. Yitzhak Berlovich, head of the ministry's medical services branch, instructed hospital directors to ensure that staffers and others who are at high risk get their flu shots.

Immunization for bacterial pneumonia recommended

THE Health Ministry's advisory committee on immunizations yesterday decided to recommend that high-risk individuals be vaccinated against bacterial pneumonia. The shot, which is effective for five years, should be given to the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, those who have undergone removal of their spleen,

and others not yet determined.

The ministry has not yet decided whether to accept the recommendation, but this is usually only a formality. If it becomes ministry policy, the health funds will likely be required to pay for the shot for high-risk individuals. Pneumonia can be caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi, or rickettsi-ae (virus-like parasites inside the cells); only that involving bacteria can be prevented by vaccination. Nevertheless, many elderly and sickly patients die from this type of pneumonia, especially due to increasing resistance of bacteria to antibi-

Fatal work accidents increase in '95

THE number of fatal work accidents rose to 81 in 1995, compared to 66 in 1994 and 74 in the previous

At the same time, the overall number of work accidents decreased by an average of 5% in 1995, reaching 83,100, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir said yesterday, after receiving the report from the ministry's work supervision division.

The main cause of death was falling from heights on construction sites: 22 workers fell to their death this way, out of the 29 who died in construction accidents. Nine other workers were electrocuted, the report said.

Fourteen workers were killed when they were trapped inside plant equipment such as elevators MICHAL YUDELMAN

or refrigerators. Eight were killed by falling objects, five died when structures and objects collapsed, four were run over by vehicles. four died from inhaling smoke and six died of burns. The circumstances of two other workers deaths were not reported. The number of work accidents

in 1995 was 83,100, a 5% decrease for every thousand employees. The number of workers involved in accidents was reduced from an average of 42.3 for every 1,000 employees in 1994 to 40.1.

Supervision division head Hanan Sela told Namir that the division increased its activity during the past year, holding 60,500 su-pervision visits to work sites com-

pared to 46,000 the previous year, concentrating most of its efforts on the construction field, where 19,300 visits were held, compared to 10,300 in 1994.

As part of the intensified activity, the ministry has employed external safety experts and set up safety committees in work places, Sela reported. Moreover, as of this year, new regulations will enable imposing an administrative tax without legal charges of NIS 3,000 for every safety violation in work

During 1995, the ministry issued 37,000 warning notices to employers for violating safety orders and operating faulty equipment, while 430 investigation cases were opened against employers for se-vere safety violations.

UNESCO official: Israel a leader in science, education

ISRAEL may be the leading country in the teaching of science and technology today. Colin Power, assistant director-general for edu-cation at UNESCO, said

He was speaking at the opening ence and Technology Conference, being held under the auspices of UNESCO at the International Convention Center in the capital.

Twenty ministers and seven deputy ministers are attending the four-day Conference of Education Ministers being held within the framework of JISTEC. They come from countries including Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belgium, China, Ethiopia, Germany, Iceland, Nepal, the Philippines, Romania,

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Russia, Togo, and Vietnam. The ministers will spend the four days coordinating cooperation for scholastic hi-tech development and will tour educational facountry.

Close to 900 researchers, academics, and educators from 80 countries are attending JISTEC.

Power praised the sweeping changes made by the Israeli government in all areas of education and linked the progress in science and technology to the late Yitzhak Rabin who, he said, personally spearheaded the changes since

"In Israel, there's a new era. We

can see how people who were former enemies now have learned to live together," he said. In science, people must share and cooperate , too, he added.
"A revolution has taken place

... one of education for all," said binstein, who is hosting the event. "We are currently in the middle of the biggest technological revolution since Gutenberg's invention [of the printing press].

President Ezer Weizman said that our forefathers had tried to build the country "not only on strength, but on spirit and education." He called on academics and professionals to pool their talents to provide answers to today's

Sri Lankan air force gets Israeli fighters

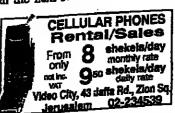
COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) The air force has acquired several modern jet fighters from Israel as the military continued to build up its strength to fight the civil war against Tamil Tiger rebels, mili-

tary officials said Monday. After the guerrillas broke a truce and scuttled peace talks last April, military teams have many countries, including the United States, Britain, China and Russia on a massive shopping spree for

The government increased defense spending for 1996 to \$723 million from \$609m. last year.

Three Israeli-built "Kfir" fight ers and three Ukrainian-built MI-17 transport helicopters arrived by ship on Sunday and were taken to Colombo's international airport, the official said on condition of

The military has already received gunboats from China and Israel, and planes and helicopters from the Ukraine. Several more gunboats are to be delivered from the US, Russia, China and Israel in the next few months.









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Cargo plane slams into market in capital

A ZAIREAN cargo plane crashed into a crowded market in the center of the Zaire capital Kinshasa yesterday, killing 250

people, rescuers said. Most of the victims were women and children packing the downtown market of corrugated

iron and wooden shacks. "We found 217 bodies at the 5-market," said Vincent Nicod of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). "I think there are 32 more bodies at hos-1- pital morgues in the town. So 1 don't think there are less than 250 people in all."

Reuters journalists saw rescuthe Antonov and the corrugated iron and wooden shacks that made up the market.

> Many of the bodies were mutilated. The plane ploughed through the market for about 100 meters before it came to a halt. It belched flames and clouds of black smoke.

A fire crew from the nearby Ndoln airport from where the plane took off tried to MATTHEW TOSTEVIN

dampen the flames. Wreckage from the aircraft

was scattered across the site. A Reuters television cameraman saw four crew members, believed to be Russian, leave the plane before it burst into flames.

"We understand the crew was Russian but we don't know where they are or what their condition a Russian embassy spokes-

Red Cross workers with blood stained stretchers joined soldiers and local volunteers. With plastic hags on their hands they picked up the bodies and the mutilated pieces. A child's head lay severed on a sheet of corrugated iron. Tears streamed down the faces

acrid smoke still pouring from the crash and obviously from the sheer horror of the scene.

of the workers, in part from the

The exact number of wounded will he difficult to determine, res-

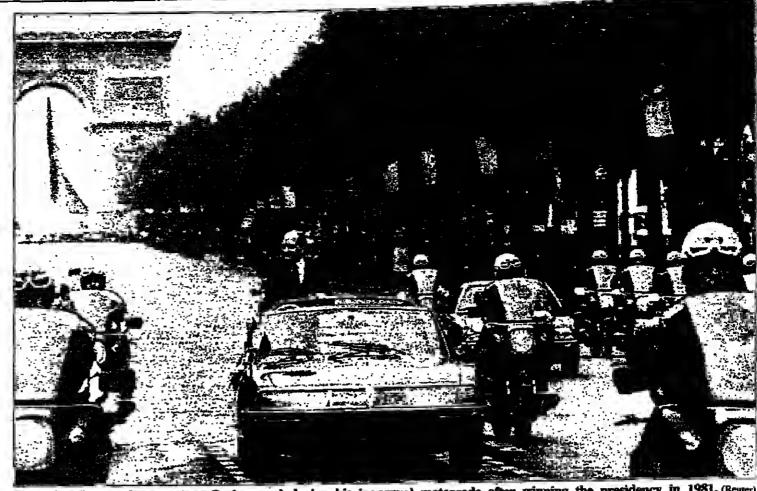
but there were many more who left in private vehicles. So we can't really tell how many there were," Nicod told Reuters at the crash scene.

The dead were lined up in two rows, covered in blankets. Wailing women stood hy. Others lifted up the blankets in the search for friends or relatives.

"The aircraft tried to take off but it only got a few meters off the ground, then it disappeared and there was an explosion," said Gothie Mukoka, who was at the airfield when the plane took off. Airport sources said the plane belonged to private Zairean firm. Africa Airlines.

A Zairean air force colonel who was also at the airport said the aircraft appeared to be overloaded.

Last month a Lockheed Electra passenger plane owned by another private Zaire firm crashed in Angola killing 141 people. Zaire's transportation minister said he believed it was over-



Francois Mitterrand waves to a Paris crowd during his inaugural motorcade after winning the presidency in 1981. (Remer)

Britain awaits word of the three mystery lottery winners

gest lottery jackpot lay low yesterday as organizers tried to weed out hoaxers seeking a share in the £42 million payont.

Camelot, the company that operates the weekly lottery, said three winners would split Saturday's is record jackpot, hut there was no sight of the new millionaires by yesterday.

Two winners had called in hut both requested ranonymity, no doubt scared off by the frenzied media coverage accorded past winners. The holder of the third winning tieket had yet to come forward. "With there being so much interest in the draw I would have imagined that by now most people would have checked their tickets. We don't know if they're just playing it cool," said a Camelot spokeswoman. Anyone elaiming the jackpot, an individual or a syndicate will be asked a series of testing questions to make sure they are genuine. "We get a number of hoaxers, so we need to make sure we've got the right person," the spokeswoman said.

Camelot has already begun counseling sessions

with the one winner to come forward, hoping to ward off any more had stories of the type that have plagued Britain's year-old lottery.

"We talk winners through the win and bow to cope with it. We give them advice on how previous winners have coped and tell them not to spend too much in the initial weeks until the win has sunk m."

'Europe has lost a great statesman'

PARIS (AP) - World leaders ex-pressed admiration yesterday for former French President Francois Mitterrand on the day of his death, calling him a statesman, a patriot, and above all a great

WORLD NEWS

Tributes to Mitterrand, widely considered the most important French leader since Gen. Charles de Gaulle, poured in from around the world.

"Europe has lost a great states-man in Francois Mitterrand," de-clared German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, perhaps Mitterrand's closest personal friend among foreign leaders.

"I am mourning a good friend. We worked together in a close and trusting way for many years in the building of Europe and the deepening of German-French friendship," Kohl added. Mitterrand and Kohl worked

tirelessly to construct the European Union, putting together the controversial Maastricht Treaty that calls for a single currency and a common defense and security policy among the 15 EU countries.

Spanish Prime Minister Felipe

Gonzalez, another friend of Mitterrand's, eulogized what he called the former president's "virtues as an intellectual and statesman of a great and neighborly country, and as architect of European unity devoted to peace, stability, prosperity and solidarity of all peoples who par-

ticipate in it." South African President Nelson Mandela called him a "colleague and brother" and a "staunch supporter of the struggle for democracy m our country.

Mitterrand, who served two seven-year terms as president of France from 1981 to 1995, died yesterday at his Paris office of prostate cancer. He was 79, British Prime Minister Marga-

ute to the former leader.

"Over his many years as presi-

nent of Mitterrand's European

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Far-right revives controversy over Mitterrand wartime role

PARIS (Reuter) - France's far right National Front yesterday revived controversy about the wartime role of the late ex-president François Mitterrand when it praised his reluctance to apologize for state involvement in persecuting Jews.

As tributes poured in for Mitterrand, who died yesterday after a long battle with cancer, the Front injected a dissonant note with some hackhanded

"Francois Mitterrand showed more moral courage than his successor [Jacques Chirac]. Despite pressure from his friends and all sorts of lobbies, he quite rightly refused to recognize France's responsibilities in the persecutions of which Jews were victims," said National Front secretary-general Bruno Gollnisch.

The anti-immigration party headed by the fiery and outspoken Jean-Marie Le Pen, advocates "France for the French" and has showed growing strength in recent elections.

Gollnisch was referring to a controversy which raged in the final years of Mitterrand's presidency when the Socialist head of state turned down appeals from Jewish groups and Resistance veterans asking that he publicly recognize French complicity with occupying German forces in rounding up 76,000 Jews from France and sending them to Nazi death camps during World War

French republie, itself abolished by the collaborationist Vichy regime, could not apologize for crimes committed by the pro-

Mitterrand argued that the

Within weeks of taking office last year, Chirac publicly recognized French complicity in the

deportation of the Jews.
Mitterrand's attitude was made even more controversial by new revelations about his own role as a minor Vichy official before he belatedly entered the Resistance where he played an important role from 1943.

Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld was especially critical of Mitterrand in recent years because he had ordered that wreaths be laid in his name at the tomb of Vichy leader Philippe Petain in tribute to Petain's role as a World War 1 field commander.

culture, he seemed to symbolize for the rest of the world something of the essential France," Lady Thatcher said in London.

"Although our political views were very different, I liked and respected him," she added. Egyptian President Hosni Mu-

barak mourned Mitterrand, who spent the Christmas holiday in the Egyptian city of Aswan, as a man "whose life was full of giving to his country and people. The Socialist former chief ex-

ecutive of the European Union, Jacques Delors, who along with Mitterrand and Kohl was instrumental in designing the Maastricht Treaty, said that for him "the strongest moments were those concerning European inte-gration, and I owe him very

British Prime Minister John Major, who like Lady Thatcher before him has frequently disagreed with Mitterrand on the construction of a united Europe, especially the creation of a single currency, also expressed sadness. "He faced a very serious illness

with exceptional courage and dignity," Major said in London. Czech President Vaclav Havel, a personal friend of Mitterrand's, was reported by a spokesman to be "deeply moved" by the death

of the former French president. During an official visit to what was then Czechoslovakia, Mitterrand invited Havel and a number of other dissidents to a breakfast at the French Embassy in Prague in December 1988. It was the first sign of international recognition to the signers of the Charter 77 human rights manifesto.

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Jury begins deliberations in Maxwell fraud trial

LONDON (Renter) - The jury in the trial of Robert Maxwell's sons, Kevin and Ian, began its deliberations yesterday to decide whether the publishing magnate's sons conspired to defrand the Maxwell pension funds.

Judge Nicholas Phillips handed the case to the jury of seven women and five men after a complex 121-day trial, billed as Britain's biggest frand case.

"What I invite you to do now is to retire to consider your verdicts and to let me know when you have reached verdiets upon which you have all agreed," the judge said.

Kevin Maxwell, Maxwell's youngest son and beir-apparent, is accused of conspiring with his father before his death on November 5, 1991, to defraud the Maxwell group pension fund hy using £100 million (\$155 million) of its shares in the Israeli compa-

He is also charged along with his older hrother, 39-year-old Ian, and former Maxwell company director Larry Trachtenberg, 42, of conspiring to defraud hy risking £22 million (\$34 million) of pension fund shares in another Israeli company, Teva Pharmaceuticals, to obtain a loan for Robert Maxwell's main private

All three deny all the charges against them.

Chronology of the life of the ex-French president

1916: Born October 16 in Jarnac, a village in southwestern France, fifth of eight children of a railroad stationmaster who later inherited a vinegar business.

1937: Graduates with degree in law from prestiginus Institute of Political Sciences. 1940: Wounded near Verdun, taken prison-

er by Germans. Escapes in 1941. 1942: Works in war prisoners' affairs in the Nazi-backed Vichy government, at one point writing reports on "anti-national" Gaullists and Communists.

1944: Oversees war prisoners for Charles de Gaulle's Free French government.

1947: Named veterans' minister after year after repeated devaluations of the franc.

PARIS (AP) – A chronology of Francois Mit-terrand's life: in National Assembly for conservative party. 1959: Elected mayor of Chateau-Chinon, bolding post until 1981.

> 1962: Elected for second time to National Assembly.

1965: Loses presidential race to De Gaulle. 1971: Helps found Socialist Party; named its leader.

1974: Fails in second presidential bid, barely losing to Valery Giscard d'Estaing. 1981: Wins presidency by defeating Gis-

card, embarks on controversial nationalizations and other leftist policies, forcing capital flight from France and a devaluation of the franc.

1983: Turns back on free-spending policies

1986: Shares power with conservatives after Socialists lose legislative election. 1988: Re-elected to second term; Socialists

regain control of Parliament. 1992: Aggressive campaign brings passage of referendum on Maastricht treaty calling for common European currency, borders, defense and foreign policy. Mitterrand undergoes surgery for prostate cancer as financial

scandals damage Socialists. 1993: Again must share power after conservatives win crushing victory in parliamentary

1994: Undergoes second operation. Pierre Paen's controversial biography reveals details

concerning wartime collaboration. 1995: Ends second seven-year term May 17.

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James Brown grieves over wife's death after surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) - James Brown and his wife bad a tumultuous yet loving relationship, and the singer is distraught over ber death following connetic surgery, his attorney said Sunday. "They had their differences,

their ups and their downs, hut they've always been together," Buddy Dallas said. "It's not been an easy relationship, but it's been an intense love relationship." Adrienne Lois Brown, 47, died

Saturday at Century City Hospital, two days after undergoing the undisclosed cosmetic surgery. An autopsy was conducted

Sunday, but coroner's Lt. Debo-

rah Peterson refused to release the results. The hospital and a coroner's

spokesman have said there was nothing to indicate Brown's death was related to the surgery or foul play. Mrs. Brown first accused her husband of assault in 1988 but later dropped the charge. She filed

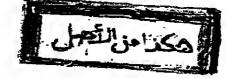
charges against him again last March but they were dismissed. Brown was arrested October 31 after his wife told deputies in Aiken, South Carolina, that he hit her in the face. Brown was charged with criminal domestic vi-

olence and released on \$940 bond. US court: Condom distribution okay

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court yesterday rejected a challenge to the distribution of condoms in public schools.

The justices, without comment, turned away arguments that such a condom-availability program in Falmouth, Massachusetts, schools wrongly interferes with parents' right to guide their children's moral

In upholding the program last July, the state's highest court said, "Parents have no right to tailor public school programs to meet their individual religious or moral preferences."



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Turkey's PM Tansu Ciller, who resigned after last month's elections, walks past parliament members yesterday before the opening ceremony in Ankara. President Demirel is expected to meet party leaders soon to name a new prime minister. (Reuter)

Turkish gov't to probe prison rebellion

ANKARA (AP) - As hostage-taking and hunger strikes spread throughout Turkish jails yesterday, the government gave in to leftists inmates' demands for a probe of the storming of Istanbul prison where three inmates were killed.

The justice ministry announced that in addition to the probe of the deaths oo January 4, it was ousting two top administrators of Istanbul's Umraniye prison, where prisoners had rioted to protest conditions.

It was not immediately known if the announcement convinced any of the rebelling

prisoners to release their hostages. Prisoners also want more flexible visiting horus, no censorship on periodicals and an

end to intimate body searches. The removal of the administrators was another of the demands of the inmates at six: prisons throughout Turkey yesterday, where prisoners either took hostages or went on hunger strikes. In all, 29 guards and wardens:

AMMAN (AP) - Iraq accused Jordan of meddling in its internal

affairs and suggested that the

kingdom was serving Western

objectives aimed at undermining

A statement by Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed Sahhaf

yesterday carried by the Iraqi.

News Agency criticized Jordani-

It was the first public Iraqi re-

sponse to repeated Jordanian

criticism of the kingdom's eastern

Sahhaf said remarks by his Jor-

danian counterpart Abdul-karim

Kabariti were regarded as "inter-

ference in the internal affairs of

'Mr. Kabariti does not know

anything about Iraq and he has

not visited our country to find out

for himself the reality of our peo-

known foreign sides are using hu-

manitarian issues for political pur-

poses," he said, referring to inter-

national sympathy for Iraq's 18

million people straining under

Jordan has been outspoken

about the plight of the Iraqis. It

hlames the policies of their gov-

ernment for their continued suf-

crippling international sanctions.

"It is obvious for everybody that

ple and country," Sahhaf said.

neighbor and one-time ally.

an calls for pluralism in Iraq.

Baghdad.

were being held yesterday.

But while the government gave in to those demands, police were cracking down on leftist sympathizers outside prison walls. Saying they wanted to head off violence, police detained 500 hundreds of suspected leftists at funerals for the slain immates.

Most of the funeral-goes were detained if they were not close relatives or otherwise. deemed "suspicious," police said. It was not clear whether the detained would be released or kept on charges.

When the remaining people protested the detentions and refused to attend the funerals, police officers ended up burying the dead, the Anatolia news agency reported.

Some 650 immates also went on a hunger strike yesterday in the cities of Bursa, Adana and Gaziantep.

Twenty-three wardens and guards were still being held hostage at Istanbul's Bayrampasa, and Izmu's Buca prisons.

A delegation of lawyers, human rights activists and Justice Ministry officials have been shuttling between Umraniye and Bayrampasa prisons in Istanbul since Sunday

The inmates are demanding an investigation into the killing of the three prisoners during the riot at Umraniye and improved prison conditions.

"The officials reportedly accepted most of the demands of political immates," said Selver Maras, a member of prison commission of the Istanbul Human Rights Association.

Soldiers and special police teams reinforcing the existing security personnel at the prisons were on standby in case the Justice Ministry decided to take action.

"There could be an operation in the Buca prison," Zeki Gungor, Turkey's prison director, was quoted as saying in the daily Yeni Yuzyil. Gungor denied earlier press reports that he had resigned.

Iraq: Jordan meddling Algerian forces kill in our internal affairs 36 Moslem guerrillas

fering under the embargo imposed by the United Nations five The kingdom, which fell out er rebels in four days of operawith many Arabs because of its perceived tilt toward Iraq during tions across Algeria, official reports said yesterday. the 1990-91 Gulf crisis over Ku-

Algerian state-run radio said wait, has become a harsh critic of security forces had been laying siege to an area of Laghonat, 320 km south of the capital Algiers, the Baghdad government to rehabilitate itself into mainstream Arab politics. In Aogust, King Hussein since Wednesday and had killed 12 rebels. granted asylum to a senior Iraqi

Firemen and doctors were army defector and intensified a tending to "citizens harmed in campaign for pluralism and democracy in Iraq, which is ruled by this operation," the radio added without elaborating. "In order to the totalitarian Arab Baath Socialist Party.

Hussein also suggested a federation between the Kurds in prevent the criminal gang from escaping, the operation is carried out in very tight conditions," the norther Iraq, Sunni Moslems in radio said.

south as a possible solution to Iraci crises. Without naming the king, Sahhaf criticized such proposal and said: "This means the whole

or confederated. This [suggestion] applies to Jordan because of the internal characteristics of the society which is dominated by Palestinians with the presence of minor-

chens and Bedouins," he said.

the center and Shi ites in the Laghouat is used as a transit town by militants heading to

world should become federated ities such as Circassians, ChePARIS (Reoter) - Algerian northeastern provinces. The official news agency APS troops have killed 12 Moslem guerrillas in a siege in the southquoted an official security statement as saying security forces shot dead 24 Moslem guerrillas in ern town of Laghonat and 24 oth-

four days of operations carried out in 12 regions. Up to 50,000 people have been

killed in Algeria's war between Islamic militants and the armybacked government since early 1992, when authorities canceled general elections the Islamists were set to win.

Algerian President Liamine Zeroual, who won a presidential election in November, told his oew government on Sunday to step up preparations for parliamentary and local elections. seeo hy the aothorities as a way of helping end the con-flict.

Five dead in Jakarta floods

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - The worst flooding to hit Indonesia's capital in two decades has killed at least five people and forced more than 30,000 to flee their homes, officials said yesterday.

The bodies of the victims were found near the floodgates of the overflowing Ciliwung River, said Kusaeni Budiantoro, head of the Jakarta public order office.

The Ciliwang cuts through Jakarta, an overcrowded city of 10 million people, before emptying into Tanjung Priok harbor at the

Ex-Guatemalan FM wins presidential poll and the failing judicial system

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) - A former foreign minister who promised to further democracy in Guatemala proclaimed himself winner yesterday in the presidential runoff, topping a rival who had planned to include a former dictator in his government.

"The people have chosen a better future," Alvaro Arzu, leader of the Advanced National Party, said at party headquarters as supporters celebrated the results of Sunday's runoff with fireworks and cheers.

"We will not fail you," the 49year-old Arzu said. "We are going to work intensely over these next four years."

With ballots from all 330 mmnicipalities counted, Arza had 671,354 votes, or 51 percent, compared to 639,404, or 49 perceot, for Alfonso Portillo, the Supreme Electoral Tribunal

Portillo. of the Guatemalan Republican Front, had no immediate comment on the results. Only 36 percent of the coun-

try's 3.7 million eligible voters turned out for Sunday's runoff, the third presidential election in . the Central American country since three decades of military rule ended in 1986.

Both candidates had promised to tackle rising crime, poverty and to continue talks to end a 35year civil war with leftist guerril-las that has claimed 120,000 lives.

Much of the campaigning fo-cused on the candidates' links to past military governments. Azzu served as a tourism official under former dictator Gen. Romeo Lucas Garcia, while Portillo, 44, had the backing of Gen. Efrain Rios Montt, the dictator who presided over one of the bloodiest stages of the civil war after a 1982

A former foreign minister, Arzu heads the Advanced National Party that holds 42 of the

80 seats in the legislature.

Afghanistan rebel group: No beard, no job Taliban rebels, many of whom

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) Leaders from the rebel Taliban faction in southern Afghanistan say that unless men grow beards in line with strict Islamic practices, they won't be allowed to work except as street sweepers, a oewspaper reported Sunday.

Street cleaning in much of the Islamic world is considered among the lowliest of

are former Moslem religious students, say clean-shaven men are breaking with Islamic rituals, Pakistan's English-language newspaper The News reported.

Since entering the Afghan civil war in late 1994, the Taliban has captured much of the southern half of the count-

Where they have assumed control, group leaders have forced residents to live by a strict Islamic conduct code. Women must give up their jobs, girls' education is binited and men are expected to meet with Moslem prayer and dress rituals.

The Taliban, encamped on the southern outskirts of the capital, Kabul, have vowed to topple President Burhanuddin Rabbani and impose their form of Islamic government throughout the

'Hungary's Gorbachev,' Grosz, dies at 65

BUDAPEST (Reuter) - Karoly Grosz, Hungary's former communist leader and known as Hungary's Gorbachev for unleashing reforms that destroyed the system he believed in, died on Sunday. He was 65. Grosz died at home kidney

cancer after a long illness, the official news agency MTI announced yesterday. Grosz was Hungary's prime

minister from June 1987 to November 1988; and leader of the ruling Hungarian Socialist Workers Party (HSWP) until June 1989, when he became a member of a four-man party presidium.

He will go down in history as the man who wrestled power from veteran communist leader Janos Kadar at a party conference in May 1988, ending the Kadar era which began in November 1956 when Soviet tanks crushed Hungary's anticommunist revolt.

Grosz transformed the political scene in Hungary after becoming prime minister, infusing a previously unimportant post with power by means of forthright speech-

Record-setting blizzard batters Northeast US

NEW YORK - A raging hlizzard buried the northeastern United States under record snowfalls yesterday, closing businesses and schools, stranding travelers and folling plans to reopen the federal

The storm blanketed the Eastern seaboard with snow, with a record 30 inches (76 cm) in Philadelphia, almost 28 inches (71 cm) in Newark, New Jersey, and 19.5 inches (49.5 cm) in New York's Ceotral Park, the National Weather Service said.

The nation's capital looked like a ghost town as the storm ished what the long-running hudget dispute between President Bill Clinton and the Republican-led Congress had failed to do - shut down the federal government entirely.

Local media and officials in the blizzard area reported at least 30 weather-related deaths.

There were two deaths in Pennsylvania, and another three people were found dead out of doors in Philadelphia, but officials said they could not be sure whether they had died from

There was no mail delivery in New York, Washington, Boston and Philadelphia, and airports in Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Boston were closed. Overseas passengers hoping to land in New York found themselves being deposited in Bangor, Maine.

Some 1,800 people were stranded at New York's airports, and they're not going anywhere because they can't get out, by car, by bus or by plane," an air-port spokeswoman said.

Airports in New York and Boston were not likely to reopen until tomorrow morning, officials

By midafternoon, the storm had dumped 19.5 (49.5 cm) inches of snow in Central Park, making it the third-heaviest storm on record, and snow was still falling. Staten Island got 27.5 (69.8 cm) inches. Across the Hudson River in New Jersey, Newark Airport had a record 27.4 (69.5 cm) inches.

City weather records date to 1869, and in that time only two storms have surpassed 20 inches of snow in Central Park. The record, 26.4 (67 cm) inches, was set in December 1947. The other big storm was the famous Blizzard of 1888, when 21 (53.3 cm) inches

The storm's impact was felt around the world. The UN was closed, and Secretary of State Warren Christopher was forced to cancel a scheduled departure for Paris.

Emergencies were declared in New York City and Boston as well as at least eight Northeastern states. Mayor Thomas Menino closed most city agencies in Boston, and New York Gov. George Pataki called out the National Guard to transport doctors and

nurses to their jobs. New York City schools were closed for the first time since 1978, and New Yorkers of all ages were making the best of the snow day - cross-country skiing down major avenues and sleigh riding in Central Park.

Meanwhile, southern California was basking in its hottest weather in more than three decades with temperatures in Los Angeles peaking at 87 degrees

Bosnian Serbs threaten exodus around Sarajevo

SARAJEVO (Renter) - Diplomats said yesterday that separatist Serb leaders have threatened to order an exodus from around Sarajevo unless they are granted a delay in the handover of Serbheld districts to the Moslem-led

The move could trigger a crisis for peacekeepers anxious to avoid civilian upheaval in the Bosnian capital after opening roads and clearing frontline flashpoint areas.

On the military front, NATO got toogher as security was stepped up before a visit by US President Bill Clinton.

The alliance ordered heavily armed Apache helicopters on patrol and warned it was ready to hit back with deadly force at gunmen attacking troops.

Momcilo Krajisnik, hardine speaker of the Bosnian Serb assembly, has asked for a decision by tomorrow on delaying until

September 15 the transfer of authority from Serbs to Moslems around Sarajevo, diplomats

In a letter to the High Repre-sentative for Bosnia, Carl Bildt, Krajisnik hinted at possible violence in Serb-held areas due to revert to government authority under the peace accord. "We have succeeded, hitherto,

to persuade our people not to embark oo a mass exodus, not to burn houses and not to engage in any form of revenge," Krajisnik's letter said. However... since the final

fate of Serb Sarajevo is unknown, a mass exodus could occur at any moment, probably not without bloody incidents," the letter said, repeating his belief that Sarajevo Serbs could not accept government rule.

Bildt's delegation said he had no authority to grant the delay. Diplomats in Sarajevo said Krajisnik's plea was a tactical move clearing the way for an order to Serbs to quit their homes. possibly to be announced next Friday.

Serb police so far have prevented thousands of Serbs from leaving the suburbs, but authorities have already moved out industrial machinery and other property from the area.

Bosnian President Alija Izethegovic, under international pressure to reassure residents in Serb-held districts, said his government was likely to declare an amnesty for Serb soldiers who have not committed war

"We do not want an exodus of Serbs from Sarajevo because it would show that a multi-national community in Bosnia is not possible," said Izetbegovic after meeting visiting German Foreign Min-

Coalition endorses Hashimoto as PM

TOKYO (AP) - Japan's next prime minister said yesterday his top priorities will be improving relations with the United States and putting the nation's econom-

ic recovery on track.

Trade minister Ryutaro Hashimoto won the official endorsement of the ruling coalition yesterday, meaning that he is certain to win a parliamentary vote Thursday for prime minister.

Speaking to reporters in the Parliament building immediately after his selection, Hashimoto said he was concerned about US-Japan ties after the rape of a 12year-old girl on Okinawa, alleg-edly by three US servicemen.

"In the future, our relations with the United States will be the most important for Japan, and other countries as well are seeking a stable Japan-US relationship." Hashimoto said. We must make those ties

He didn't go into detail, but the remarks underlined the conciliatory tooe Hashimoto has adopted in recent months toward the United States after he took the lead in acrimonious auto trade talks last year.

In the face of Hashimoto's hard-line stand, the US side dropped its demand that Japan guarantee American makers of

cars and car parts a certain share of the Japanese market.

Hashimoto said his other top priority will be keeping the economic momentum going. Japan appears to be recovering slowly from a four-year-old recession. but Hashimoto said more needs to be done to restore confidence in the banking system, which is overwhelmed with bad debt.

Hashimoto's selection came just three days after the sudden resignation of Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama and indicated how the ruling coalition has closed ranks in the face of the threat from the opposition New Frontier Party.

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The resignation of K.

immediately after the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. Although the unprecedented and inexplicable failure of the GSS to protect the premier seemed at the time like no more than a tragic low-level blunder, the GSS head assumed "ministerial" responsibility and offered to quit. Wisely, Prime Minister Shimon Peres rejected his resignation. The disarray and shock in the GSS would have only heen exacerbated by the precipitous resignation

But the commission investigating the November 4 disaster, headed by former Supreme Court president Meir Shamgar, has apparently concluded that K. may be at least partly responsible for the fateful security failure. In a December 18 letter, it warned him that he might he held accountable for not apprising his own forces, as well as the police, of pertinent information on the possibility of an assassination

Ironically, K. has always been considered an expert on the danger posed by Jewish extremists. In fact, criticism of his appointment as GSS head last year focused on his preoccupation with Jewish underground movements and his reputed lack of expertise on Arah terrorism. Developments have proved the opposite. GSS

o his credit. General Security Service achievements against Arab terror have been bead K, submitted his resignation almost spectacular in the past year. It has failed miserably in its handling of Jewish extremists.

This failure is hy no means confined to the inability of its bodyguards to protect Rahin. Nor is it limited to the lack of communications between those who were warned about the plan to attack Rabin and their colleagues. There was obviously something wrong with the way GSS agent Avishai Raviv was used by his handlers. The line between the legitimate planting of an informer in extremist groups, and the unacceptable activation of an ngent provocateur who led such a group, incited violence and committed crimes, was apparently crossed. The Shamgar Commission will be derelict in its duty if it does not investigate how and why this crossing occurred, and what role it played in the assassina-

Such practices were introduced before K. was appointed GSS head - which is why yesterday's report that his immediate predecessor Ya'acov Perry might be asked to replace him are worrisome. What the GSS needs now is the leadership of an untainted outsider of unim-peachable integrity capable of reexamining its policies, procedures, failures and challenges. Several high-ranking army officers fit this description. It is to be hoped that Peres will choose one of them to head the GSS.

Francois Mitterrand

HE death of former French president François Mitterrand yesterday was no less a shock for being expected, following his long hattle with prostate cancer. Mitterrand was probably the last of the truly great post-World War II European leaders, as Prime Minister Shimon Peres pointed out, in a warm tribute which should be endorsed by all Israelis. Peres's description of Mitterrand as a cultured man and a consummate politician who was one of the outstanding leaders of the 20th century could not he more accurate.

As Peres also said, Mitterrand was a friend of Israel who understood the complexities of the Arah-Israeli conflict; a statesman whose honesty enabled him to win the trust of both Israel and the Arab states.

course be controversial. He was criticized for declining to recognize France's responsibilities in the murders of Jews hy Nazis and their French collaborators. But he did explain clearly that in his view the French Republic, itself abolished by the Nazis, should not accept responsibility for the actions of the Vichy government. It may not he a viewpoint Jews can agree with, hut it can be respected without rancor.

Mitterrand had a brief flirtation at a minor level with Vichy, but he more than made amends for his mistaken first perception of the regime with a distinguished career in the Resistance, and a turn to the socialist ideals that guided his subsequent political career. A man of his people, he possessed all their infuriating anarchic independence, as well as their charm, culture and love of life.

In more hypocritical Anglo-Saxon societies,

driver of one of those fuel-guzzling,

polluting, speeding automobiles

would complain about hicyclists

("Put the brakes nn bicyclists,"

Money Magazine, December 27).

Isn't that like the elephant complain-

ing about the mosquito? Unfortu-

nately, J.G.'s assumptions about cy-

clists are a moinrist's skewed view

If cyclisis are involved in 10 per-

cent of accidents in Israel, that

means cars, trucks, buses, those an-

nnying scooters and even pedestri-

ans are invotved in 90 percent. But

"involved" in an accident and

"causing" an accident are twn dif-

ferent things, and I'm sure if J.G.

would look at statistics, he would

find that in the majority of that 10

J.G. would also like cyclists to

obey "rules of the road" and have

their hikes approved as roadworthy.

That would seem a fair request, but

looking deeper, we find that is nn!

the case. If cyclists are to follow

"rules." then cyclists must be given

"rights" just like mntorists. In Eu-

rope and America, cyclists are held

accountable under such rules, but

they also have hike paths and hike

lanes where they can travel unmo-

lested by cars. There are no such

facilities in Israel. Also in America

and Europe, drivers are cautioned in

their training to watch out for cy-

clists. Why do drivers here feel their

automobile entitles them to the right

J.G. would also have cyclists pass

driving tests like moped operators.

Again, a good idea in theory, but the

plain fact is a moped or scooter has a

mninr and is a motor vehicle. Bicy-

of way over cyclists?

percent, the mntorist is at fault.

and for the most part wrong.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

BICYCLISTS

Sir. - Who could believe that a cles are ridden by anyme regardless

age. And at what age would these

test be given? Does my neighbor's

five-year-nld have in take a lest be-

fore he ventures into the street on his

bike? If he doesn't, then why should

1? Are we to discriminate on account

of age when it comes in these lests?

Wouldn't it be more practical for

parents in take the responsibility to

instruct their children in bike safety

and road courtesy when they teach

nearly 20 kilnmeters a day to and

from work i agree that cyclisis

should have roadworthy hikes and

should operate them responsibly, us-

ing the established rules of the road.

I also believe the police should be

more diligent in enforcement of traf-

fic rules when it comes to bikes. But

I believe the main onus is no the

drivers of moint vehicles to watch

out for cyclists, give them the right

nf way where required, and treat

bicycles as vehicles sharing the

road, not competing for it.

TOM BRADLEY

REUTERS

and anti-Israeli story run by Reuters

and exposed by Mr. David Bar-Illan

and in view of the outrageous fol-

low-up explanation instead of the

required correction and apolngy (see

Reuters letter to Mr. Bar-Illan, Eve

on the Media, December 15), dna'i

you think it is time for the Post 10

consider purchasing its news from

other news agencies, if not less and-

M. PAGGY

semilic, at least more reliable?

Sir. - In view of the antisemitic

As someone whn rides my bike

them haw to ride?

a man of his position could never have survived the story of the three great loves in his life - his wife Danielle, his mistress Anne Pingeot, and his daughter by Pingeot, Mazarine. Mitterrand not only survived, but treated all three women with gallant loyalty, endearing himself to the public for this typically romantic French

In 1992, Mitterrand made his ninth visit to Israel, the second during his tenure as president. Even before his 1981 election to the presidency he was a tireless fighter for Soviet Jewry, often displaying rare courage and tenacity in badgering the Soviets. And in 1982, he announced an end to the 15 years of estrangement begun hy De Gaulle's 1967 arms embargo against Israel.

True, France was also the first Western coun-Like all exceptional leaders, he could of try to open a PLO office and welcome Yasser Arafat, and under Mitterrand, pro-PLO policies were pursued with zeal. Whatever the outcome of the Middle East peace process, its inception at least proved that Mitterrand was a visionary. He cannot be hlamed if lesser mortals fail to live

As former president Chaim Herzog said, in proposing a toast to Mitterrand during his visit, there are few nations which have so influenced the way mankind thinks as the French. And few politicians have influenced the way the modern French think as François Mitterrand.

In the minds of Israelis, France is forever associated with the concepts of liberty, fraternity and equality - concepts which Israel alone adheres to in the Middle East. His passing is a deeply sad event for this country, whose people ioin the world in offering sincere condolences to his mourning nation.

ASSAULT ON TRUTH

ynur editorial of December 25 enti-

tled, "Arafai and the church." I am

nuly sad that you had to write it and

that nur Christian leaders, whn

should have done so, have remained

hy proclaiming in Bethlehem that

Jesus was a Palestinian. The term

"Palestinian" did not originate until

the second century CE. Christian

scripture tells us that Jesus was born

Jewish, that he was of the line of

King David, and that he was born in

the Jewish city of Bethlehem. Mr.

Arafat has assaulted truth in count-

less other ways which I do not have

space to mention here. Indeed, as

someone has said, truth seems to be

the main casualty of this whole

It is a tragic day for Bethlehem,

for Israel and for the whole world,

when truth can so carelessly be cast

to the ground. It is even more tragic

when so few people seem to care.

THE POWER OF WORDS

tion of Prime Minister Rabin, the

"left" took great pains to blame his

Mr. Arafat calls for a jihad

death on the words of the "right."

against Israel; he has claimed, again

in the holiday week, "next year

In response, the "left" consis-

tently maintains that we must not

listen to what Arafat says, rather we

Either words can cause physical

SUSAN CHASIN

harm, or they can't. Why is it that

the "left" always wants it both

must watch what he does.

Jerusalem."

Sir, - After the tragic assassina-

JIM GERRISH

Yasser Arafai has assaulted truth

silent and fearful.

Sir, - I was very happy to read



Here's to small parties

MONG the many hard Aquestions Israel faces as a democracy, the proper number of political parties should be the easiest. If people vate for a party, then that party fills a need. If it didn't fill a need, they wouldn't vote for it.

Still, in what is otherwise a deregulating, de-monopolizing society - a society that proudly encourages its members to choose among freely competing health funds, TV stations, cellular phone companies, and hamburger chains - there are calls to reduce the political choices available.

Maybe it comes with heing American-born, but every election year I spend at least five minutes daydreaming. Ten, if I'm really mad. I think maybe I'll go for it, I'll take on the system, I'll run. Shouldn't everyone be able to run for legislature, in a democratic state?

But here, you need to belong to a party, of which all the currently successful examples are sort of unpalatable. And it's no use trying to call yourself a party if you aren't one, because you need to win two seats, or else you're excluded from the Knesset. If you win only one sear, why can't you claim that one? Because the people with lots of sears made a rule against it.

And to get on the ballot you If you win, then the money is returned. If you lose, then the govemment keeps it to teach you a

What with one hurdle and another, almost every new party has failed unless it's either a splinter of an old party, or a fan club for a general. And my 10 minutes of their minds at the Knesset?

MARK L. LEVINSON

daydreaming are gone before I've even set up my folding table on the sidewalk. Or figured out who sells a folding table in this country.

BUT THE splinters and generals carry on, preventing the absolute majority that each of the big parties want. The frustrated giants, the two big parties, glance around the globe and see happy Tories in England, happy Republicans in America, enjoying the fruits of a

Long may they proliferate

districted system where winner takes all.

Why in the name of all that's well-oiled, they cry, must Israel persist with proportional representation?

They too have election-year daydreams, these partycrats. Those dreams involve defragmenting the Knesset politically-by-fragmenting the electorate geographi-

If the country were carved into districts, then challengers could lose all representation not just with one percent of the vote, but with 10, 20, or more. Look at the US. where angry voters again and again attempt to create a third major party, and fail every time.

How to convince the voters that it's better to have fewer choices? That it's better for minority parties to be deep-sixed in advance at the ballot box before they can speak

By selling the districting itself as a kind of improvement in service, a way of delivering the government's kind attention to your verv door like an insulated pizza.

You'll have your very own representative, they tell us, when what they mean is he'll have his own district. With lines of geography shattering their electorate like a chocolate bar smashed on a table-top, the smaller parties will lose viability, and the large-party candidates will have whole halves of the political spectrum assured to themselves.

Neither Labor nor Likud has a past that inspires much confidence in its handling of increased power. Their new tools will be powerful

indeed, for a downside scenario: funnelling taxpayers' money disproportionately to districts where voters need pampering, or to where independent voices need drowning-out; stirring up easily stage-managed local conflicts to divert attention from national issues; using a Knesset majority to fiddle the district borders, or to further slant the election laws.

Some people have-blamed thesmall parties for extortionate demands on the large ones. But as long as small parties are plentiful, the big ones can play them against one another, choosing which ones to accommodate. And the parties that play on both sides are the voters, by proxy, each coming to terms with the other's wishes.

If the small parties go away, then the playing is ended and the. Winner will make the terms, forevermore.

The writer is a Herzliya-based freelancer.

She said, 'St' I said

SARAH SHAPIRO

Y friend and I were talking. She's left, I'm right. She's not religinus, lam. She said, did you monto

Rabin? I said, how can you ask me that? Don't you knnw me by now?

Sine said, someone religious l knnw at work seemed to condone it. I said, knitted kippa, nr black? She said, I think modern Orthindnx. She doesn'i cover her

I said, I was mortified that a religinns person did it I was depressed for a month.

She said, the religious have always made us feel our claim on being Jewish is less valid. For the first time, I can hold my head up high. We put the Peace Now bumper sticker back on our car.

I said, my son got his order to register for the army a few weeks ago. Yon think I don't want

She said, I spoke to a woman who had five sons in the army one after another, and one of them was killed. The woman said, we've tried it the other way, and

Coffee, and a talk about what matters

it didn't work. We have to try something else now.

I said, and if this doesn't work? People were dying all the time the old way. It can only get

Can you imagine a scenario in which it would get worse?

In such a case, the army would go in. The Oslo agreement has a lot of built-in checks and balances. I don't think anyone has forgotten about survival.

And the Palestinian Covenant? It says they will dismantle the Zionist entity step by step.

She said, I don't think it helps us to see them as wanting to destroy us, because then they see us that way. When they stop feeling so desperate economically, they won't be interested in killing us.

I SAID, you want to give up the Golan?

She said, the army has electronic surveillance. We don't need the land.

I said, I'm waiting for Arafat to say the magic words: We no longer seek the destruction of Israel. It would be nice, as long as we're making peace with him.

She said, he would be assassinated if he said that, I said what do you think that signifies?

She said, you only focus on the negative. Look how much has changed. Hussein cried at the funeral. Five years ago no one could have imagined that.

I said, two weeks ago 25,000 members of Hamas proclaimed on banners at a rally that they'd bury the children of the Zionists in the garbage dumps of Palestine.

She said, you only look at the negative. I said, you only look at the positive. What about Arafat saying he wants to liberate Jerusalem?

She said, he only wants East Jerusalem. They're there,

l said, liberating half of Jerusalem is not what he talks about.

She said, he paid a condolence call on Leah Rabin. Who could have imagined that five years

I said, I just wish Leah Rabin wnuld say, nnw I understand what Miriam Lapid went through. Nnw I understand Dalia Yairi. Now I understand Leon Klinghoffer's wife...

She said, I just wish I could hear religinus penple say that their reality isn't the nnly reality. A cheeseburger's not the end of

I said, it's the erosion of our

She said, Yigal Amir eroded nur identity. I said, true.

She said, before the assassination I used to feel I had no right to

assassination. I want another cappuccino. Tell me everything's going to be all right.

walked on dry land through the

l said, you, of all people, depending on a miracle?

The writer is a Jerusalem-based

Other messages are valid too

OR years now some of us have been voicing concern over what we perceive as the "hijacking" of religious Zionism by the radical right.

So deep has certainty in the messianic nature of nur time become that we have moved out of the terrain of sober halachic analysis into unfamiliar territory in which complex problems are. dealt with by strident emonional fiat and black-and-white decree.

Differences of opinion are dismissed out of hand as an attempt to obstruct the inexorable march towards a manifest destiny. Anynne disagreeing has become fair game for harsh personal attack and eventual demonization, with

clearly tragic results. New-found awareness of the fundamental problems created by messianic Zinnism, however, is not enough. To regain our footing, we must address the potential vacuum created when doubt nver the messianic message of the

State of Israel is raised. For the religious Zionist what is teft? What alternative models, if any, enable us to find religious significance, even holimess, in a secular Jewish state lacking the complete certainty implicit in the phrase resheet tzmihat geulateinu, the beginning of the flowering of

messianic redemption? Fortunately for us, the questions are not new. There are at least two "religious Zionist" alternatives to the definitive "messianic model," each based upon its own halachic and philosophi-

cal foundation. First and foremost, the State of Israel is holy because it saves Jewish lives.

How strange that, 50 short years after the Holocanst, we need to remind ourselves of this basic fact. The aliya from Morocco, Yemen, Ethiopia, Syria, the

SHMUEL GOLDIN

USSR, Albania, and so many other countries bears eloquent and dramatic testimony to the state's physically redemptive properties. Harder to quantify accurately

is the pervasive redemptive effect the state has had even upon those Jews who have not made aliya. Are not Jews throughout the world prouder, safer, more Jew-

What is left for religious Zionists when the messianic nature of our time comes into question?

ishly identified because of the existence of Israel?

I recently returned from a synagogue mission to the Jewish community in Morocco. There. for example, the monumental voluntary closing of a 2,000-yearchapter in Jewish history stands in stark contrast to the fate of Enropean Jewry. Only Israel's existence has enabled the Moroccan Jews to choose to leave.

Accepting the physically redemprive qualities of the State of Israel as a basis for religious Zionist philosophy requires a heightened sensitization to the concept of klal, or universal Jewish brotherhood.

All Jews are precious, no matter what their background or observance level. If the existence of a Jewish state under Jewish rule saves the lives of Jews, then the state is of inestimable religious significance.

A SECOND, more parochial model for religious Zionism

emerges from ancient biblical and rabbinic sources, and is perhaps expressed most clearly by the Ramban in the 12th century.

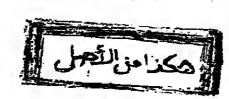
Basing his position on hiblical texts as disparate as the dream of Jacob at Beth-El and the second paragraph of the Shema, the Ramban postulates that religious completeness on all levels of Jewish experience exists only in the land of Israel. Even those commandments which are not clearly connected to the land are only "complete" when performed in

Israel. A Jewish state that enables Jews to live and practice their Judaism in "complete" fashion in the land of Israel is clearly of immeasurable importance to the religinus Zinnist, regardless nf whether nr nnt that state is definitively the 'beginning of the flowering of messianic redemption."

The suggestion of uncertainty concerning the messianic nature of Israel does not mitigate against hope. There remains a vast difference between knowing that the State of Israel is definitively the beginning of the messianic era, and hoping that it might be.

The former approach leads inevitably to acts which cross the boundaries of normative Judaism - all in the name of a certain messianic vision. The latter approach places the burden squarely upon us to fulfill our obligations, as outlined in our tradition, toward God, each other, and ourselves.

The writer is spiritual leader of Congregation Ahavath Torah in Englewood, New Jersey, an instructor at Yeshiva University, and founding chair of Shvil Hazahav, a group of Orthodox rabbis, educators and lay leaders.



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The Jerusalem Post Tuesday, January 9, 1996 Scene: Shall we trance?

TIRZAH AGASSI

BOUT the parties, my dear, I cannot tell you Lanything, "says Krembo Records' Zeev Sorokin of its recent release The Japanese Experience, Trance In Japan. The disc is distributed through Hed Arzi

The album has sparked questions about the local media furor over psychedelie trance raves attended by Israelis in Goa, India, and apparently also right here at home. Sorokin says he thinks that the media browhaha occurred simply because there was a dearth of news during the the last couple of weeks of '95.

"Now that the Engineer has been killed in Gaza, the journalists will be husy again. So they'll stop inventing scandals about the Israeli drug-and-dance scene," he says. "It's oothing like London, where a million people take Ecstasy on the weekend."

Speaking from Krembo's Tel Aviv harbor record shop for DJs and serious aficionados, Sorokin warily offers some thoughts about the underground party scene that thrives on the trance music that he

"Trance music belongs to the outdoors," he explains, "and here we have beaches and mountains that are perfect. The trance scene has been going on here for five or six years. What people really want is to dance."

Sorokin is scornful of the dance ambience available at Tel Aviv's

"People don't really dance there," he says. "They chat. But every week there are 20 to 25 underground parties in the country where people can really get loose

According to Sorokin, rather than being subversive, this scene is simply a way for large groups of people to commune, catching a breath of freedom in a society where "everybody loses their soul by the time they are 25."
Underground clubs and parties, he says, attract everyone from kib-

butzniks to hippies to yuppies. "The point is to forget the lousy news and your lousy life and for six or seven hours to just dance and be happy," he explains. "If it's the tango that does it for you, fine. But this is the kind of music that

moves us." When it is suggested that the music is far less spiritual than its "tribal love rock" equivalent of the '60s or '70s, he agrees.

You do feel the influence of

groups like Pink Floyd," he con-cedes. "But this generation is less naive. They don't think they're part of some great cosmic change. But every track tells a story in melody. The bass drum is there to keep you moving. It's not like House music where the bass drum is the main thing.

"House is just a background for DIs to improvise over. But people who like trance listen to the melody. It's full of variety," he insists, incredulous at the idea that any listener could find it simply. boring. "Can't you hear the vari-

Sorokin is obviously devoted to this music, a form which is, interestingly enough, bringing European success to a comple of Israeli acts like Harel Persky, Trust in Trance and Krembo's own Chakra and Edi Mis.

When asked about another trance album that has just come out on Kasbah Records, a subsidiary of Helicon, Sorokin is dis-

"The Transadelic Experience? Oh that's just commercial."

Both albums have the same pulverizing programmed drum beat. But on further listening, one does feel a difference. Though the spacey tones of Kuro and Masa's Japanese Trance don't exactly fit most of the images expected from titles like "Incense" or "Dalai Lama," they are very proficiently put together, full of driving energy and, yes, their spiraling tones are even beautiful in an unfamiliar

The offerings of Transadelic Experience are more mixed, some being quite pretty, others vaguely humorous. It also includes some thought-provoking, if awkwardly executed, verbal efforts at hypnotic suggestion. Telling listeners not to hurt anybody, is not a bad idea, though it could be phrased more effectively. The music could also be given more depth, withour sac-



Interest to teporiselly up to 25 underground psychedelic raves here elich week. (Israel Sun)

Mendelssohn left in the dust; Liturgica goes east 1916, a year before Prokofiev left

FIFE ultimate decision concerning tempo rests with the condoctor, but there are limits to poetic license. What Barlow Bradford, who conducted the Israeli Chamber Orchestra, did to Mendelssohn's Fourth "Italian" Symphony undoubtedly went far beyond these limits.

Bradford's tempo for the first and last movements was incredihly swift - he glided over details as if they were unimportant. The orchestra tried to keep up. The violins managed to play all the notes, in tune, but the winds, with the exception of the horns, fared less well.

In the second part of the concert, Bradford introduced a requiem by British composer John Rutter (b. 1945). The requiem's cheap, kitschy style was reminiscent of popular American music, perhaps even of movie scores.

The only bright spots were Bradford's dedication to the work, the competence of the Utah Chamber Artists Choir and soloist soprano Robin Capsouto, who treated us to some really fine vocal passages and some very beautiful high pianissimo notes. Noga Theater, Jaffa, January 3 Benjamin Bar-Am

FOR the first time in 14 years, an Eastern liturgical chant was included in the Liturgica series. The series is presented by the Armenian Orthodox Church, 8 five-minute walk Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate.

The Armenian Patriarchate Choir offered hymns and prayer chants from the littingy and feast services, and the solo chants of Friar Goussan Aljanian and Varoujan Markarian were fasci-

The pairiarchate students, unfortunately appearing without the clergy members and their more

sonorous and well-trained voices, nevertheless conveyed the solemnity and that particular magic which is a characteristic quality of Armenian church chants.

The solo chants of Friar Goussan and Markarian were a rare treat. Their clear, pure voices and genuine spirituality made a profound impression.

Khan Theater, December 31. Ury Eppstein

A NON-Western, non-Jewish, non-Christian ritual music tradition has for the first time been included this year in the Liturgica series. The Kudsi Erguner Ensemble offers Sufi music from Turkey.

This music was presented in its traditional performance style, radiating a fascination all its own. The relaxed-sounding low tones of singer Yasuf Bilgin, ascending to high-pitched ecstasy, are of uncommon intensity. The freerhythm singing, superimposed on the strictly rhythmical patterns of the instruments, reconciles seem-

ingly irreconcilable extremes.
The instruments changing, gradually intensifying intricate thythms led to powerful climaxes Kudsi Erguner's Neybamboo flute and Derya Turkkan's Kemence violin, alternating with the singing, sounded like vocal duets or trios. Keyvan Chemitani's drumming was breathtaking, and Mehmet Umin Bitmez's Ud Qanun added a touch

joy. Jerusalem Theater, January 3. Ury Eppstein

IN addition to being a tenor of repute, Peter Schreier is a singularly energetic conductor. In this dual role, he made his intentions clear in Bach's Christmas Oratorio, performed in the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's

CONCERT ROUNDUP start his fast tempo set a pace that injected freshness, drive and vibrancy into even the stately

chorales, rendered here with sudden dynamic changes. Schreier humanized the myth and did away with the solemnity and

severity normally attributed to Bach. And as Evangelist, Schreier's rendition was more dramatic than the usual image of this role. There was something endearing-ly sweet about Monika Frimmer's

clear, elegant, not-too-voluminous soprano. Mezzo-soprano Comelia Kallisch's vitality and art of shaping phrases conveyed the significance of the text, and Olaf Bar's baritone was warm and mellow.

The St. Michaelis Choir from Hamburg compensated with its firm consolidation, accuracy, impressiveness and involvement what it lacked in vocal quality. Bat-Sheva Salvaldi-Kohlberg's violin obbligato was a gem in its own right.

Jerusalem Theater, January 4. Ury Eppstein

VERDI'S Requiem got a spirited, impressive performance by the Jernsalem Symphony Orchestra, enlarged by the Army Chamber Orchestra, conducted by David Shallon, in the Liturgica series. Barbara Dever's mezzo-soprano

is a veritable vocal caress. Her opening of the Lacrimosa was one of the performance's hissful moments. The radiance of Andrea Gruber's soprano managed to shine through her indisposition, although her valiant struggle with the flo could not be quite con-

In the solos, the scales tipped in favor of the female parts. Rafael-Rojas made the tenor's glorious

remained throughout. Alexander Russia. The Israeli violinist Anisimov's deep, operatic bass sounded pleasing, but lacked subemphasized the work's ethereal stance, sometimes seeming to elements - high trills, disembodfade out before reaching the balied melody, ponticello coloring -to lure the listener into the icy

cony's back rows. The Vilnius Choir (Jauna Muzika) and the St. Michaelis Choir from Hamburg created a full, powerful, well-balanced sound and tremendous energies, faithful to the spirit of the work.

. Jerusalem International Convention Center, January 1. Ury Eppstein

THE Hillel Hebrew University Orchestra, a volunteer group consisting of students, faculty members and new immigrants, conducted by Anita Kamien, presented in its seasonal concert an all-

Mozart program. Pianist Allan Sternfield, the soloist of the D minor concerto, offered an interpretation that was as polished as it was sensitive. The peculiar magic of the work's dark undertones was delicately evoked, and so was its subdued yet all-pervading passion, while the technique was impeccable.

For a volunteer group the rendition of the demanding Symphony No. 40 was a quite remarkable achievement. Kamien seemed to impress her own exuberance and enthusiasm on the orchestra, eliciting a performance that was intensely alive. On top of that, the playing was accurate, wellshaped, significantly accentuated, and rich in shadings and contrasts of dynamics.

Wise Auditorium, Jerusalem, December 24 Ury Eppstein

SINFONIETTA Beersheba concertmaster Yaron Prensky was the

soloist in an all-Prokofiev pro-

were celebrating the Ensemble's fifth anniversary. Undoubtedly, the dance was admirable. The point at issue, however, was not "who" but what." Naharin's contribution showed that the

company has yet to find its own choreographers.

the program. Pas de Pepsi needed his wit of interpretation that the conscious and capable dancer of December 29 did not match. His other works had his language but not his style. They had enough character to hold promise for the future and serve

Disney fanfare for the 'King'

▼ING DAVID, a spectacular musical on the life of the Israelite monarch, will have its world premiere io September at the Roman Amphitheater in Caesarea as a highlight of the celebrations

marking Jerusalem's 3,000th

anniversary. The venue and date of the musical's opening were officially announced this week by Walt Disney Theatrical Productions. which will coproduce the "concert production" with European producer Andre Diaoui.

Some of America's top talents are participating in the enterprise. including Alan Menkeo as composer and Tim Rice as book writer

The pair collaborated on the current stage hit Beauty and the Beast and on part of the score for the animated film Aladdin. Rice also wrote the book and lyrics for two other musicals oo hiblical themes, Jesus Christ Superstar

and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, as well as

Diaoui promises that King David will be "the most spectacular and dramatic production ever staged, as well as conveying a message of inspiration, hope and peace to the world."

Michael D. Eisner, chairman and CEO of The Walt Disney Company, commented that, "We are tremendously excited about this important musical event. David's life is one of history's greatest stories and is a marvelous subject for a serious yet entertaining concert."

According to a Disney spokeswoman, other d for King David have not been announced yet.

However, an earlier item in the Los Angeles Times reported that the musical is expected to tour worldwide, including a stop in Los Angeles, "before alighting on New York'a Broadway and London's West End."

Lewis: Screwball hits a home run

JAN HERMAN PASADENA

A self-described "pressure player," Jerry Lewis has shone brightest in the unforgiving spotlight of live performance throughout a long and stellar career. These days, however, the legendary performer is taking it easy onstage or, rather, easier.

Lewis, who turns 70 in March, is tossing off a mere eight shows a week on the road, reprising his Broadway role in the hit revival of Damn Yankees and it seems to him more pleasurable than a vacation cruise.

"Dino and I did 56 shows a week at the Paramount," he recalled of his and Dean Martin's famous New York stage act during the 1940s and '50s. "We were there two weeks. Then we went to the Chicago Theater and played nine shows a day - 63 shows in a

"I was 20 years old then. OK, at 69, I've cut that down to 24 shows in three weeks."

This vintage Hollywood great, looking remarkably young in a brown polo shirt, blue shorts, running shoes and trademark aviatorstyle glasses, knows he's "coming around the far turn." But he likens himself to an experienced thoroughbred relaxed enough to

lengthen his stride in the stretch. "I'm at the 16th pole and I'm heading home," Lewis said on a recent morning at a hotel here, "and I'm going to celebrate my 70th birthday onstage doing Damn Yankees, because the rush is incredible."

Not too many years ago that would have been unthinkable. His star seemed to have set - quite apart from bad press, bad temper, derisive critics and the inevitable changes in popular taste. He sank like a stone beneath the surface of an American culture that once took him to heart and heaped him

with wealth and celebrity. His personal life hit rock-bottom. Divorce, bankruptcy, heart

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surgery, had investments, drug addiction, prostate cancer and politically correct attacks against his annual telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association all cut him down to less-than-

Despite his overseas acclaim as the darling of the French New Wave - a badge of valor bestowed by intellectual auteur directors and worn with pride - Lewis went from highest-paid movie-and-television star of the 1950s to Las Vegas also-ran of the 1970s, a symbol of everything uncool and

When asked what keeps the fire in his belly, Lewis put a leather attache case on the table, popped the latches and produced a sheet of yellow paper with a handwritten quotation from Act One, the autobiography of playwright Moss Hart.

"May I read you something?" he asked with elaborate but genuine courtesy. "It will help answer the

'The theater is an inevitable refuge of the unhappy child, and the tantrums and other childishness of theater people in geocral are neither accidental nor a necessary weapon of their profession. It has nothing to do with the socalled artistic temperament. The explanation, I think, is a far simpler one. For the most part, they are impaled in childhood like a fly in amber.' "

"The only thing I disagree with," he said, "is 'unhappy' child. The theater is the refuge of the child, period."

Lewis got a second wind for both his life and career when he married his second wife, SanDee "Sam" Pitnick, in 1983. They have a daughter, Danielle, whom they adopted the day after she was born.

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gram that included the first violin opening phrase sound distant and concerto in D, Op. 19, written in Liturgica series. Right from the diminutive, and so his voice مرسوم و برنام در الخدار در المراسم برنام مهرون المراسم Kaiser blossoms as a choreographer

VI KAISER, who recently retirned to Israel, A VI KAISER, WILL I A STATE AND A STATE OF THE STATE OF T Now he is a choreographer of formidable dimensions. His Kri-Ah was staged for the Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company at the Suzanne Dellai Theater in Tel Aviv (January 3) with a forcefulness that used simple means to create

On a somber stage - all black except for dimwhite indications of staircase steps upstage to one side - 16 members of the company, in casualsloppy anire, walked, marched, and stood still with arresting effect. They shifted in bundles that looked like the stacks of hay on which they sat or stretched without losing tension, yet they were

If the choreography was intended to show aimlessness, it was too well structured; if it was meant to show hopelessness, it was too well geared to

DANCE REVIEW DORA SOWDEN

pace and pulse. A collage of music and sound alternating with silence did stress abstraction, but without destroying a sense of decisiveness. The total result was gloomy but remained gripping. The approach to movement was new - somewhere between outright dance and symbolic

SINCE THE Batsheva Bosemble has let it be known that it aims to achieve its own distinct starus, one may regard its performance at the Suzanne Dellal Theater (December 29) as a sort of debut. The works presented included one by Noa-Dar, one by Sa'ar Magat and the rest by Ohad Naharin, still codirector, with Naomi Perlov. They

Dar is no beginner, of course, but her output has yet to show strong enough communication. Her Lachrymosa demonstrated her well-developed power of invention, but few undertones of dance beyond novel moves. Magal's Pandora's Garage, cleverly danced, was a very good try.

But it was the Naharin contribution that peaked as a celebration - but not yet as a separate Batsheva entity.



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Israeli-born Arieh Lipsky

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Tax revenues up 4% in '95

THE government's tax revenues rose to NIS 84.7 billioo last year. four percent higher than 1994, the Finance Ministry announced

Since the Gross Domestic Product grew 6.9%, the national tax-to-GDP ratio declined from , 33.1% in 1994 to 32.5% last year. After discounting the impact of legislative changes and increased transfers to the Palestinians, economie activity generated an additional NIS 6.3h., 8% more than

the previous year in real terms. But this is 1% lower than what the ministry said could have been achieved considering that the husiness product grew 8.3% last

The mioistry said, however, that 1995 was characterized hy increased housing construction

This will likely translate in 1996 to intensified housing purchases, which in turn would increase tax reveoues again.

The overall tax burden, including local taxes and National Security deductions, totaled 40% of GDP. This is 1.5% less than the previous year, wheo ealeulated with payments that went at the time to the various health funds.

The Treasury attributed the decline in the tax-to-GDP ratio, largely to legislation which eased the tax hurden of companies, married women, and property.

Other developments which sapped the government's tax in-come included the transfer to the Palestinian Authority of NIS 750 million in taxes involving goods entering and exiting the autonomy, as stipulated in the Paris

Oil prices soar as snow squeezes US refineries

neared two-year highs yesterday as the eastern US was hit by the worst snowstorms in decades.

World benehmark Brent crude futures for Fehruary delivery rose to \$19.23 a harrel hy late afterocco in London.

This was up 18 ceots from Friday's close and just under the 1995/1994 highs of \$19.38 and \$19.41, respectively.

February futures for West Texas Intermediate crude, the US heochmark, were trading at just below \$20.50 a harrel, compared with 1995/1994 highs hetween \$20.80 and \$20.90.

"We went into the the winter very hadly placed to handle cold weather and that means it is going to take quite a while to build oil inventories back up to comfort-

LONDON (Reuter) - Oil prices able levels," said Philip Morgan, oil iodustry analyst at Parihas Capital Markets in London.

The US, particularly, left itself open to the effects of a cold winter as refineries turned to "justin-time" inventory policies, which saw crude oil and other energy stocks fall to their lowest levels in two decades by the end of last summer.

'The general concern is that since hydrocarhon inventories are some 85 million barrela below last year and already lower than the winter of 1993 - one of the coldest in history - stocks could end up falling below minimum operating levels with obvious implications," Leslie Nicholas, an analyst at commodity hrokerage GNI Research, said.

Whatever happens over the

next few weeks, Morgan said: "I think we'll get significant price weakness in the spring."

He is sticking to a 1996 price forecast for Brent of an average \$16.00 a barrel, implying a collapse in oil prices later in the

"Demand growth will be modest, [and] there'll be a price war between suppliers as oil supply, especially from noo-OPEC countries will continue to grow," he

Even inside the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, there will be pressure as Venezuela continues produce beyoud the quota it has been set by the producer groups.

When prices do come down they are going to come down a long way," Morgan predicted.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

The telemarketing market grew 115 percent last year from 1994, according to the Direct Marketing Association, a Chamber of Commerce affiliate. Growth was expressed both in a rise in the number of companies employing direct marketing methods and increased activity among companies Rachel Neiman already using direct marketing.

The Tel Aviv Fund for Development has allocated \$104 million to 47 projects this year. Among the most notable were \$4m. for the redesign of the plaza between the Tel Aviv Museum and the court house on Shaul Hamelech Street; \$5m. for the construction of an auditorium at the Arab-Jewish community center in Ajami; Som. for the Lev Yaffo project to link the Gesher and Noga Theaters; and \$6m for the renovation of the Mann Auditorium.

The Israel-Britain Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to grant awards to three companies during a ceremony today. Delta Galil Industries will receive the award for exemplary exporter, Comasco Constructioo Machinery and Systems will get a prize for exemplary importer and Readymix Industry (Israel), a subsidiary of the RMC Group PLC, will receive the exemplary

Manufacturers: Import policies endanger textile industry

RACHEL NEIMAN

GOVERNMENT import policies harm the textile industry's profits hy increasing its exposure to foreign competition and will ultimately lead to the closure of profitable plants, the Manufacturers Association said yesterday.

The industry's future lies in product technology, marketing -both here and abroad - management, design, prototyping and computerization, according to the association.

Last year was a good one for the textile industry, the association reported, as exports grew 5% to \$1.1 billion, profitability rose 9% and output hy 6%.

The number of those employed by the sector declined 1%, leaving the total number of textile sector employees at 53.500.

Salaries were equivalent lo those in the US and UK and were between 20% to 30% higher than in Greece, Turkey and Spain.

The association said the solution was the production of sophisticated, quality goods, with piecemeal work done in neighboring countries and finishing done

S & P gives YES first triple-A bond rating

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

STANDARD & Poor's announced yesterday its first triple-A bond rating to Israeli-based fund manager Yield Enhancement Strategists (YES) Ltd.

A triple-A hond fund rating was assigned to four of YES's funds, which are made up of 10 snb-funds, a S&P spokesman said.

The funds are open-ended offshore bond funds.

Yield Enhancement Strategist (Israel), which manages some \$150 million, was established in 1992 to provide round-the-clock coverage of global markets in local time zones and languages.

The Jernsalem office also serves as the research and analytical center that monitors risk and assesses the market.

Founded in 1990, YES is an independently owned and SECregistered investment management and advisory firm whose assets, as of November 1995. totaled \$275m.

Standard & Poor upgraded Israel's foreign currency debt rating to A- from BBB+ in early

Koor, Volvo announce partnership in Merkavim

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KOOR and Volvo made official yesterday their partnership in bus manufacturer Merkavim.

"I think this is a great achievement," Koor CEO Benny Gaoo said at the signing ceremony in Tel Aviv. "By signing this deal part of Koor's strategy which we call 'joining the winners' - we believe we've saved Merkavim."

Merkavim will now be a subsidiary plant of Volvo. The strategic partnership is made up 26 percent by Volvo (International). 24% hy local Volvo ageots Mayer's Cars and Trucks and 50% by Koor.

The Merkavim plant, located in Petah Tikva, produces 350 vehicles annually - assembling vehicles for Volvo, Mercedes, DAF and MAN. The company reported \$30m. in revenues in 1994.

Reaching new markets is top priority said Gaon, adding that we believe Israel is a saturated market and are [first] looking at the regional market."

Merkavim's flagship product is the Israeli designed, developed and constructed Meteor tourist

Vocaltec files with **SEC in US**

RACHEL NEIMAN

VOCALTEC announced it has filed for registration with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

Underwriting the proposed initial public offering is a group led by Hambrecht and Quist (which specialize in the high-tech market) together with Lehman Brothers and Rohertson, Stephens and Co.

The IPO is of 2.5 million ordiinary shares, valued at between \$16 to \$18 per share.

Of that total, 1.75 million shares will be offered by Vocaltec and 750,000 will be offered by selling shareholders.

The company said net proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes, including working capital and expenditures.

Venture capital fund Mofet, one of the company's investors, said it was likely to report capital gains of hetween \$1.5m. and \$1.7m. on the sale on 99,750 out of a total 665,000 shares held in

Mofet also announced it has realized \$252,000 in Vocaltec optioos, hringing its total investment in the company to \$813,000. Mofet will hold 10% of Vocaltec prior to the IPO.

Vocaltec is a five-year-old company which utilizes a unique technology to enable voice and audio communications over the Internet.

Internet Phone, the company's core product - which was first released 11 months ago - enables two users connected via Internet to conduct conversations using

their personal computers. The company's marketing methods were also unique, as Internet Phone software was purchased and downloaded directly to oo-line consumers.



Crowds wait ontside the visa section of the US Embassy in Tel Aviv yesterday after President Bill Clinton's submission of a plan to balance the budget in seven years allowed the US government to return to normal operations. Following an unprecedented three-week partial government shutdown, the embassy is only handling 300 applicants per day.

Arafat to ask donor nations for \$1.3b. in Paris

Snowstorm in US prevents Christopher from attending conference

PINHAS INBARI, JENNIFER FRIEDLIN and news agencies

PALESTINIAN Authority head Yasser Arafat will meet in Paris today with Israeli government officials and representatives of donor countries to present the PA's first hudget and discuss future plans for developmeot in the autonomous regions.

The PA will ask donor nations for \$1.3 hillion for development, said Samih Abed, director-general of the Palestinian Department of Planning and International Cooperatioo.

The PA's 1996 hudget totals \$600 million.

PA Planning Minister Nahil Shaath was originally supposed to represent the PA in Paris, hnt a source told The Jerusalem Post that Arafat decided to go in his place to bolster his image prior to the Palestinian The first Palestinian election is sched-

uled for January 20.

Arafat was scheduled to meet Foreign

Minister Ehod Barak and US Secretary of State Warren Christopher today, hnt Christopher will be unable to attend the conference due to a snowstorm in the US.

One contentions area likely to be discussed in Paris is joint participation between Israel and the PA regarding regional industrial development.

Although Israel and the PA have completed a hlueprint for industrial partnership, members of the PA unofficially announced to Israeli officials that the PA is not interested in participating in joint ven-

tures, the source said. The hlueprint was prepared to fulfill a request from the contributing nations. Israel also agreed previously to returo \$306m. it collected from Palestinians for customs and value-added tax.

Finance Ministry director general David Brodet is in Paris to discuss the transfer and the payment of additional aid.

In 1993, Israel offered to give the PA \$25m. in financial assistance within five years. It has so far paid \$10.5m., and the remaining \$14.5m. is scheduled to go to the establishment of industrial parks and infrastructure.

The Palestinians are hoping that their balanced budget proposal will satisfy the donor countries and convince them to provide further assistance for the development of a port in Gaza and industrial parks. In 1993, the donor countries offered the

PA aid totaling \$2.4b. and promised to pay \$1h. by the end on 1995. To date, the PA has received \$605m., with \$200m. earmarked for local development.

To conclude the conference, the PA. Israel and the approximately 40 contributing couotries and institutions will sign a trilateral statement 'detailing each side's responsibility toward helping the Palestinians develop the autonomous regions.

Lockheed Martin agrees to buy most of Loral for \$9 billion

NEW YORK (AP) - Lockheed ness. The price includes assump-Martin Corp., the biggest defense contractor in the US, will bny most of defense electronics maker Loral Corp. in a deal totaling more than \$10 hillion, the companies announced yesterday.

Lockheed Martin, itself the product of a 1994 merger hetween Lockheed and Martin Marietta corps., plans to pay \$9.1 hillion for all of Loral except for its satellite communications busi-

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tion of \$2.1b. in Loral deht. The satellite husiness would be separated into a new company. named Loral Space and Communications Corp., with Lockheed huying 20 percent for \$344 million

Loral shareholders would get one share of Loral Space for every share they now own.

The deal puts a per-share value on Loral of \$45.50, a healthy 26 percent premium over the company's closing price of \$36.25 Fri-

The combination of assers would form aerospace and defense companies that would have more than \$30 hillion in annual

The deals represent another major coosolidation in the defense business - this time focusing on electronics - as the dwindling spending from the federal government forces contractors to save money.

Loral's major products include a variety of defense and aeroday on the New York Stock space related computer systems

Jerusalem District Electricity Co. Ltd. Tender No. 1/96

LV, HRC Fuse Bases and Links

Bids are invited for the supply of LV, HRC Fuse Bases and Links -Tender No. 1/96. A copy of the specification and conditions of tender can be obtained

from the Secretary of the Board of Directors, 15 Salah el-Din Street. East Jerusalem, Tel. 282335/6/7, until January 25, 1996 Bids should be submitted not later than 12 noon on February 15, 1996.

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Combined with last week's Northrop Grumman Corp. pnrchase of defense-electronics holdings of Westinghoose Electric Corp. for about \$3 billion, the deal puts further pressore on Boeing Co., McDonneli Douglas Corp. and the Hughes Electronics unit of General Motors Corp.

Lockheed Martin will get the New York-based Loral defenserelated husioesses, to combine with the larger company's military-aircraft hosioesses and its own defeose-electronics holdings. Lockheed Martin is the largest US rocket maker and is itself a major builder of satellites.

"With some \$30 hillion in annual sales and a broad portfolio of husioesses spanning aerospace, defense, commercial and civil programs, we are well positioned for the 21st century," said Lockheed Martin chairman Daniel Tellep, who will retain that

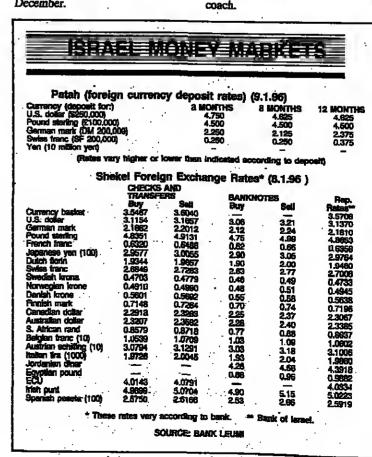
Bernard Sehwartz, chairman and chief executive of Loral, will hold those titles with Loral Space, will become vice chairman of Lockheed Martin and will join its board of directors.

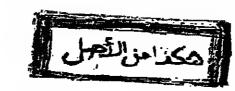
Schwartz said the deal "ensures our customers and employees the loog-term capabilities needed in our increasingly demanding marketplace." The deal will cause a "mini-

mal" impact on the combined company's 1996 profits and will boost profita thereafter, said

Lockheed currently has annual sales of \$23h. and 165,000 employees. Loral has sales of \$6.7b. and 38,000 workers.

The deal is subject to agreement by Loral shareholders representing two thirds of outstanding shares, along with antitrust reviews hy US and European governments. The companies expect to complete the transaction hy the end of next month.





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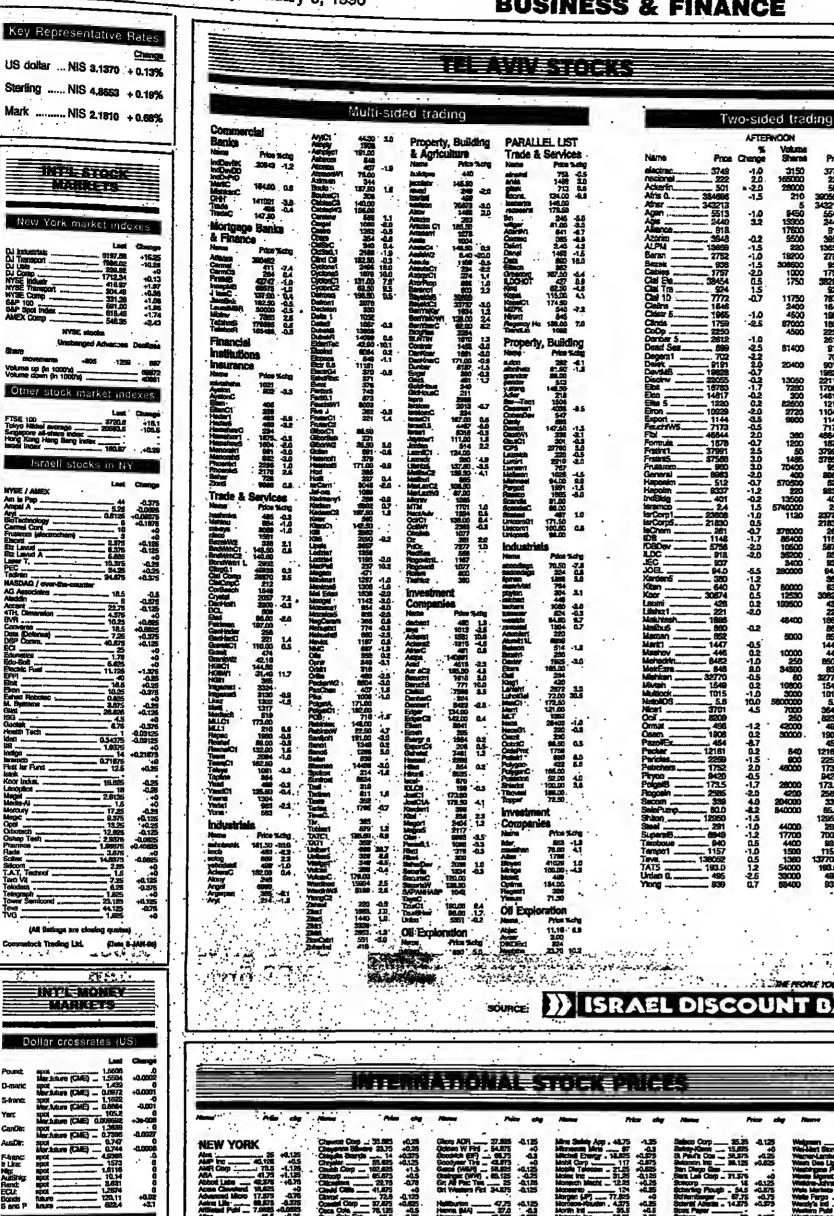
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Koor, however, rose 0.5 percent and Tadiran, a Koor subsidiary, weot up 2%.

Tadiran said on Sunday that the value of a contract signed in July to supply communications equipment to the IDF had riseo to \$80 million, from the \$55m. announced at the time.

The Maof Index fell 0.49 percent to 219.67 and the Two-Sided Index dropped 0.39% to 212.82. Of 100 issues trading across the exchange, an almost equal number of shares rose as fell.

More than NIS 117 million worth of sharea traded, NIS 12.5m. above Sunday's level and NIS 4.1m. above last week's average trading level.

Although the Maof Index rose to a high of 222.72 in mid-day trading, a gain of 0.89%, the index declined in afternoon trading after the mutual funds began to sell shares. "These two institutions set off

a red light," said Eitan Shtark-man, a fund manager at Ramat Gan investment firm Zeller Avla-"There have been relatively big increases in share prices receotly. People are afraid there will be a drop and they don't want to miss the train."

The Maof Index rose 16.2% to Sunday's close from November.

Declioiog shares iocluded Maof Index-listed chemical companies. Dead Sea Works Ltd. fell 2.5%; Dead Sea Bromioe Co. was dnwn 0.5%, and Israel Chemicals Ltd. fell 0.75%. Israel Corp., which holds a stake io ICL, fell 1%.

Alsn nn the index, Discount Investment Corp. fell 0.25%. Its parent companies - IDB Developmeot Corp. and IDB Holding Corp. - also fell, with IDB Develnpment declining 2% and IDB Holding falling 1.75%.

First International Bank rose 3% after the Bank of Israel issued a statement countering a late-December court claim file against the Safra family, the bank's owners, by businessman Jack Nassar. Swiss investment bank UBS

also recommended the Maof Index-listed bank's shares. Also on the index, Teva Pharmaceuticals rose 0.5%.

Investors concerned that Teva's multiple sclerosis treatment Copaxone may encounter difficulty in receiving approval from the US Food and Drug Administration pushed Teva's share prices down 3% oo Sunday.

On the Two-Sided Index, Israel National Oil Co. rose for a second day, gaining 10%. Oo Sunday the company said it found an oil stream at a pace of 30-40 barrels per hour in one of its wells. The company said it was cootinuing to carry out checks at the well. (Bloomberg)

FTSE ends at new high WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONION (Reuter) - The FISE Jones Index made early gains after an opening delayed by heavy

The FTSE Index closed 16.1 points higher at 3,720.6, surpassing its previous peak of 3,715.6 set on January 3, with prices underpinned by cootioned hopes that the market will advance in coming months on the back of

lower interest rates. FRANKFURT - German shares ended the bourse session lower oo relatively thin volumes, as oocertainty about the dollar and US budget crisis prevented the market from making a full recovery from Friday's post-

bourse slide, However further losses are seen as unlikely, traders say market is in consolidation phase. The 30-share DAX Index ended down 8.40 points at 2,323.48 points. In post-bourse trade the index rose

21.10 to 2,336.76. PARIS - French shares ended a trendless session with a slight loss, after a day of both advance

was little interest in the market. Index closed at a record high as Domestic interest focused on the oil stocks advanced and the Dow death of ex-president Francois Minerrand.

The CAC-40 lodex closed down 1.16 points at 1,916.56.

TOKYO - Tokyo shares were subdued yesterday as institutional investors took profits in blue chips after a oearly 800-point jump in the Nikkei last week. But increased arbitrage-linked buying prevented the market from dipping sharply, underlining contin-

ued strong sentiment. The Nikkei average ended 105.45 points, or 0.51 percent, lower at 20,563.58.

HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks reversed steep early gains to end yesterday moderately lower on vague rumors of various fund-raising exercises. The bluechip Hang Seng Index fell 63.23 points to close at 10,466.67.

SYDNEY - Aostralian stocks closed higher as investor confidence, bolstered hy the strong gold price, ensured a strong performance from the local bourse. The All Ordinaries Index closed and retreat. Traders said there 14.2 points higher at 2274.9.

Blue-chip stocks rise in blizzard-shortened session

WALL STREET REPORT

chip stocks rose yesterday in a three-hour session shortened by a crippling blizzard in the Northeast, as investors bought stocks of coosumer products and energy companies.

The Dow Jones industrial average coded op 16.25 poiots at 5,197.68 after the New York trader with brokerage Hendersoo Stock Exchange opened 90 minutes late at 1600 GMT.

In the broader market, declining issues led advances 1,259 to 882 on light volume of 130 millinn shares oo the New York Stock

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue- Exchange and the Nasdaq stock market all closed early at 1900 GMT as the snnw storm swept the Nnrtheast, keeping many of-

fices closed or minimally staffed.

The Nasdaq Composite Index was down 1.10 points at 1,032.37. The day was also marked by death as William Weyer, 55, a Brothers, collapsed on the floor of the NYSE from a heart attack before the start of trading and died eo route to the hospital.

While many analysts dismissed yesterday as a throwaway session hecause of the low attendance The NYSE, Americao Stock and volume, they also cheered Exchange, Philadelphia Stnck the market's positive breadth.

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next month's World Cup

English clubs cautioned about acting on three foreigner rule

LONDON (AP) ~ England's Premier League cautioned its clubs yesterday about challeoging the governing body of European soccer over the so-called three-foreign-player rule.

The warning was directed specifically at Nottingham Forest, the only English club still alive in European Cup play when the competitions resume in March.

A ruling last month by the European Court of Justice in the so-called "Bosman Case" seemed to open the way from clubs in the European Union to pley an many EU players

England's Premier League immediately

told its teams they were free to play as many EU players as they wanted. But UEFA, the European soccer body, meanwhile issued an interpretation cootending its three foreigner

"Our interpretation is that UEFA's interpretation is wrong," said Premier League chief executive Rick Parry.

"The right way to take that forward is ... to talk to UEFA. We wouldn't advise clubs to take the risk of breaking rules. UEFA will regard their rules as enforceable and will no doubt exercise sanctions," Parry said.

"And being tied up in the Swiss courts for

two or three years afterwards is something we all want to avoid," he added.

Parry said he was asking England's Football Association to open talks with UEFA over the

The Premier League's top legal expert Robert Reid dismissed UEFA's interpretation of the three-foreigner rule as "nonsense." He warned if UEFA tried to continue to enforce restrictions, it would be in breach of European Community law.

Parry said top Premier League officials were to meet Thursday in Brussels with EU officials to discuss fallout from the Bosman ruling.

LONDON (Reuter) - Loodoo

elub Saracens has signed former Australian captain Michael Lyn-

agh as a player-coach for next

season after a cash injection of

£2.5 million from local property

developer Nigel Wray. Lynagh, 32, retired from Test

rugby when Australia was

knocked out of the World Cup by

England last Jooe. He is the

world's leading points scorer with

Saracens officials had also been

talking to former French center

Philippe Sella, who has played a

"I am physically and mentally

okay and retiring after the World

Cup took a great burden off my

shoulders. I hope I can attract

more people and more good play-ers to Saracens," Lynagh said.

world record 111 internationals.

911 points from 72 tests.

LONDON (Reuter) - West Indies' record hreeking hatsman Brian Lara is likely to play in next month's World Cup after winning selection in a provisional 20-man squad, his agent said yesterday. Lara's future has been in doubt

after he refused to tour Australia in protest against a fine imposed by the West Indies Cricket Board of Control following this year's tour of England.

He was fined 10 percent of his tour fee, about \$310,000, for go-

ing "absent without leave". Lara returned to domestic cricket at the weekend, scoring a century in trials for the Trinidad

and Tobago side, and on Monday his agent Jonathan Barnett said he had spoken to the 24-year-old Trioidadian ahout the World

Cup.
"I feel confident he will be there," Barnett said.

Barnett also said Lara would not be playing county cricket this year after pulling out of his threeyear contract with county champions Warwickshire.

Lara was quoted in yesterday's Daily Telegraph as saying he would be "delighted" to consider a good offer from an English county.

Warwickshire chief executive Dennis Amiss said later on Monday the county were set to sign South African pace bowler Shaun Pollock after agreeing with Lara when they terminated his contract that the West Indian would not play for any other county this year.

AP's top 25 college basketball teams

THE weekly ranking, normally released on Mondays, was postponed yesterday due to inclement weather. This is a wrapup of last week's ranking teams and how they fared thiring the week.

- Massachusetts (12-0) beat No. 3 Memphis 64-61; beat Dayton 78-58.
 Kenthcky (11-1) beat South Carolina 89-60; beat Mississippi 90-60.
 Memphis (8-2) lost to No. 1 Massachusetts 64-61; lost to Houston 69-67.
 Kansas (10-1) beat East Tennessee State 108-73; S. Methodist 83-61.
 Cincinnati (9-0) beat South Florida 71-69.
 Georgetown (13-1) beat DePant 81-61; beat Seton Hall 85-76.
 Connecticut (12-1) beat West Virginia 89-79; beat Miami 73-52.
 Villanova (12-1) beat Notre Dame 76-57; beat No. 24 Boston College 94-77.
 Arizona (10-3) lost to California 99-75; lost to Stanford 80-71.
 Iowa (12-2) lost to Purche 85-61; heat Minnesota 92-63.
- 10. Iowa (12-2) lost to Purche 85-61; beat Minnesota 92-63.
- 10. Iowa (12-2) lost to Purdue 8S-61; beat Minnesota 92-63.

 11. Syracuse (11-2) lost to Miami 7S-66; at Rutgera, ppd., snow.

 12. Wake Forest (8-1) beat Furman 81-49; beat Florida State 7S-73 (OT).

 13. Illinois (11-3) lost to Minnesota 69-64; lost to Michigan State 68-58.

 14. Georgia (10-2) beat Mississippi 74-38; lost to South Carolina 85-73.

 15. Utah (9-2) beat Brigham Young 83-77.

 16. N. Carolina (11-2) beat N. Carolina St. 96-72; beat Maryland 88-86 (OT).

 17. Mississippi State (10-1) beat LSU 77-74; beat Florida 69-66.

 18. Virginia Tech (7-1) beat Charlotte 76-60; vs. St. Joseph's, ppd., snow.

 19. Duke (9-4) lost to No. 22 Clemson 51-48; lost to Georgia Tech 86-81.

 20. UCLA (9-3) beat Washington State 78-73, OT; beat Washington 78-70.

 21. Michigan (11-4) lost to Wisconsin 51-46; beat Northwestern 83-51.

 22. Clemson (10-0) beat No. 19 Duke 51-48.

 23. Texas (7-4) lost to Nebraska 85-69; lost to Rice 80-69.
- Texas (7-4) lost to Nebraska 85-69; lost to Rice 80-69.
 Boston College (9-3) beat Rutgers 95-67; lost to No. 8 Villanova 94-77.
 New Mexico (11-1) lost to Fresno State 76-75; beat Air Force 61-49.

Warwickshire set to sign Pollock

LONDON (Reuter) - English county champions Warwickshire are set to sign South African pace howler Shaun Pollock for the forthcoming season, chief executive Dennis Amiss said yesterday.

"We expect to hear from him in the next week or so and he has intimated that he wants to join us," Amiss said.

Pollock, 22, made his Test debut in the recent series against England, heading the bowling averages with 16 wickets at 23.56 runs each.

He took five for 32 in England's second innings in the fifth and final Test at Newlands to set up South Africa's 10 wickets victory which clinched the series 1-0. Pollock replaces compatrint

Allan Donald, who was instrumental in Warwickshire's success last year.

Rugby club Scrappy rookies help Oilers stop slide Saracens EDMONTON (AP) - Rookie signs Lynagh

goalteoder Joaquin Gage got his first NHL win Sunday night as the Edmonton Oilers soapped a three-game losing streak with a 3-1 win over the Anaheim Mighty Rookie left-winger Miroslav

Satan scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal at 5:36 of the secood period on an Edmontoo power play. .. Defeoseman Brett Hauer and

Jasoo Amott, with his 15th goal of the season, also scored on the power play. Overall, the Oilers weot 3-for-5 on the night, a sea-

The Oilers built a 2-1 lead after 40 minutes, scoring twice with the man advantage.

Arnott opened the scoring at 19:39 of the first period when he cooverted a cross-ice pass from Doug Weight, slapping the puck into the open side of the oet past goaltender Guy Hebert.

The goal helped make up for an earlier anemic power play effort which saw the Oilers manage just three shots during a five-minute man advantage following a high-sticking major to Oleg Tverdovsky.

Anaheim tied the game 1-1 at : 1:22 of the secood wheo leftwinger Todd Krygier banged a rebound past Gage, making just his eighth appearance this

But just over four minutes later the Oilers regained the lead when Satan scored his sixth goal of the season with Anaheim's Todd Ewen off for hooking.

.. Satan, skating along the goal-. line from the corner, banked the puck off the post before it bounced off Hebert and trickled into the net at 5:36.

Blackhawks 5, Stars 2 Erie Daze scored twice on perfect passes by Bernie Nicholls, and Jeff Hackett made 30 saves for host Chicago.

Daze has 21 goals, seven more than

any other NHL rookie, and passed Jeremy Roenick as the Blackhawks' leading goal-scorer this season. Dallas, one of four teams with 100 goals or fewer, had to play much of the game without Dave Gagner and

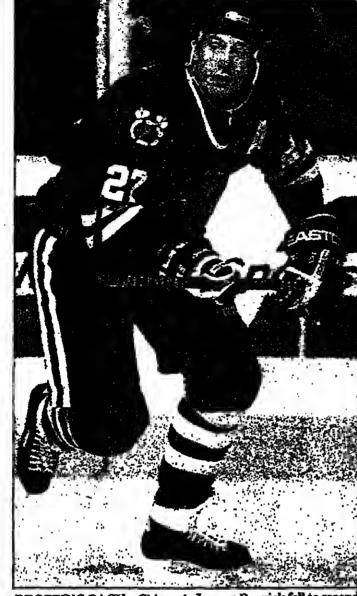
Greg Adams. They sustained leg inju-

ries and didn't return. Keith Carney, Brent Sutter and Tony Amonte also scored for Chicawhich is 20-3-3 at home against go, which is 20-3-3 at nome against Dallas since 1988 – when the Blackhawks played at Chicago Stadium and the Stars were the Minnesota North

Dallas goalie Darcy Wakaluk had little chance to stop the deflection goals by Carney and Sutter that gave the Blackhawks an early 2-0 lead.

But Wakaluk was directly responsi-ble for Daze's goal at 17:50 of the first

period, making a bad pass from be-



DROPPING BACK - Chicago's Jeremy Roenick fell to second in team scoring when Eric Daze scored twice Sunday night.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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	Florida	26	12	2	54	139	103
	Philadelphia	23	11	7	53	146	103
	Washington	19	17	4	42	111	104
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	Montreal	18	12	3	41	122	127
	Buffalo	18	19	3	39	123	132
	Boston	18	15	ĕ	36	135	137
	Hartford	13	ž	5	31	39	129
	Ottawa	a	31	ĭ	77	95	160

hind the net that Nicholls intercepted. Nicholls fed Daze alone in front for the easy score and Dallas coach Bob Gainey immediately replaced Wakaluk with rookie Manny Fernandez.

Feroaodez stopped the first 11 shots he faced before Daze made it 4-0 at 14:14 of the second period. Nicholls took a cross-ice feed from Murray Craven and qoiekly passed to Daze in the slot. SUNDAY'S NHL RESULTS: Chicago 5, Dallas 2
Edmonton 3, Angheim 1

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GUESS WHICH?

Which college did Michael Jordan once play for?

Georgia Tech North Carolina

Answer tomorrow Answer to Sunday's 'Guess Which?': Carl Weathers was a linebacker for the Oakland Raiders before he took up acting - later appearing as boxer Apollo Creed in Rocky.

Murdoch's NFL team outFoxes the competition SPORTSWATCH

YOU may not be able to teach an old dog new tricks, but a fox can certainly learn some, especially Rupert Murdoch's Fox network, whose Saturday night coverage of The great stats were just the the Packers-49ers NFC match-up cherry on Fox's Sunday, which was almost as perfect as Packer started with the pre-game show

OB Brett Favre. The new tricks were Fox's greatly improved statistical information, which only added to its already superb package.

In the past, Fox was outdone by rival NBC when it came to onscreen graphics and stats. Murdoch's Men obviously paid attention. This week, Fox had plenty of dandy data on hand, including play-by-play man Dick Stockton pointing out that the only time the floundering 49ers were held without a touchdown in the first half all season - as they were vs. the Packers - they lost to Caroli-

Statisties on Steve Young's perfurmance under pressure, including the number of "hurries" and sacks, were also good, but the Stat of the Week was one showing that while All-Everything receiver Jerry Rice had picked up almost 100 yards by the fourth quarter, he had 0 in RAC: Runs After the Catch. In that one graphic, Fox showed us pretty much why the Niners were on their way to becoming ex-champions - Rice just couldn't shake free once he caoght the hall.

ARYEH DEAN COHEN weak, especially when a tearful

and a clever visit to San Francis-.co, hilled as "The Home of the. Crown Jewels" as cameras fo-:cused on the five 49es Super Bowl trophies kept there. Shifting to Green Bay, Fox showed us some black-and-white footage of legendary Packer coach Vince Lombardi, and reminded as that Green Bay was the scene of "the From the opening whistle, Fox

proved again that no one covers the field like them, picking up blown calls by the refs here, or great plays there. Early on, they caught the refs ripping off Rice on what was clearly a catch, but ruled incomplete. Even better, though, was Fox's ability to follow every member of the Packers' defensive backfield in their Herculean effort against Steve Young & Co.

Stockton and especially color man Matt Millen did excellent work, especially Millen, who cleverly referred to a straightahead Young sneak as "The old Goose Play - you pinch your center's rear end and you just go." The half-time show was a hit

Pam Oliver, interviewing former Dolphins' coach Don Shula who had announced his retirement over the weekend - asked him: "You're going to be okay, aren't you." Don't cry, Pam -Shula's not more money than you can count. The promised half-time high-

lights of the Steelers-Bills game also didn't amount to much about 20 seconds. You could almost hear former Steeler great Terry Bradshaw growling over having been forced to cut the clips down to just a laughable hlip on the screeo. Sure the Bills-Steelers were on NBC, but Fox should have been more mature and given its viewers more information on that game. Fox rebounded during the sec-

ond half, though, with Millen accurately noting that injured 49ers lineman "Harris Barton is playing on guts, but his guts don't reach his [injured] foot." He also was right on the money when he explained why a Packers receiver missed a first down; by simply forgetting to look where the markers were.

He also conjured up a nice image when he suggested that by going for a somewhat risky first

down late in the game, Packers' coach Mike Holmgren "is going to put his foot on the throat of the 49ers, and he's going to cut off their windpipe." However, his best line was when battered 49ers' tight end Brent Jones, who has had his share of injuries this season, left the field, leading Millen to quip: "Anytime you have more concussions than touchdowns, you've had a rough year." Nice work, Matt.

Fox reserved their best move for last: selecting the entire Green Bay defensive unit as players of the game, a classy touch that shows just how much the folks at Fox know football. That's is why they're simply the best at bringing the gridiron into our living rooms.

PRIME Sports' last minute switcheroo - showing the Dallas-Philadelphia game while their schedule said they'd be showing the later, Colts-Chiefs game was inexcusable. Our apologies to fans who went by the JP schednle and ended up without any football. Indianapolis and Pittsburgh are scheduled to meet Sunday at 12:30 pm, (7:30 pm in Israel), with the Dallas-Green Bay game to start at 4 pm (11 pm in Israel). To prevent any recurrence of this weekend's Prime crime, diehard fans may want to

CLASSIFIEDS SPORTS BRIEFS

Ajax arrives for clash with Mac. Haifa World Cluh Champions Ajax Amsterdam arrived here yesterday morning for a short training camp and a friendly match against Maccabi Haifa on Thursday.

The Dutch side, the current holders of the European Cup and heavily favored to retain the trophy this year, will be the main attraction at Kiryat Eliezer for the friendly, during which Ma'ariv will name its footballer of the year.

Despite its home advantage, Maccabi Haifs will be the underdogs for this high-profile clash. The club has called on Betar Jerusalem's Eli Ohana to strengthen itself for the match. Club officials have reported great interest in the match, with 4,000 tickets having already been sold. Kickoff is at 6 pm.

Heavy snow strands teams, cancels games The Philadelphia Eagles faced one final indignity following their loss to the Cowboys - another night in Dallas.

The Eagles were hoping to escape Sunday eight after their 30-11 defeat in the NFC playoffs. But what the Cowboys did to their game plan, the snowstorm did to their travel plans. One of the century's worst blizzards walloped the East and

dumped a record 26 inches of snow in Philadelphia, preventing the Eagles from flying home. It also forced postponement of last night's NBA game at Philadelphia between the Orlando Magic and 76ers and the NHL. game in New York between the Washington Caps and Rangers and the Boston Bruins' home game against the Colorado Avalanche. No makenp date was announced for the NBA game.

The Rangers-Caps game will be made up February 27, and the Bruins-Avalanche game was rescheduled for today. Two NBA games were postponed Sunday night - Atlanta at New Jersey and Seattle at New York. No makeup dates were

This was the first time the Nets had a home postponement since moving to New Jersey in 1977. The Knicks were snowed out of a game in 1993.

Two college basketball games involving ranked teams were postponed by the knee-deep snow: St. Joseph's at No. 18 Virginia Tech and No. 11 Syracuse at Rutgers.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

POP MUSIC

HELEN KAYE

ARKADI Duchin is going solo following the hit record that bears his name. It'll be a cosy evening with Arkadi on piano and acoustic guitar performing some 30 of his songs. At Tel Aviv's Tzavta 2 tonight at 8:30.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Tel Aviv Piano Quartet performs tonight at 8:30 at the Tel Aviv Museum. Pianist Milca Laks, violinist Yair Kless, violist Gad Lewertoff and cellist Emmanuel Gruber perform quartets by Beethoven, Brahms and Martinu.

Roni Porat leads the Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezioo in Schubert's Fourth Symphooy and Elgar's Introduction and Allegro for Strings, as well as Mozart's Bassoon Concerto with orchesprincipal bassoonist Maurizio Paez as soloist tomorrow at Mofet in Rishon Lezion (8:30).

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** CLUELESS - Amy Heckerling's delightfully free filmic adaptation of Jane Austen's Emma replaces the rigid social structure of 19th-century rural England with the rigid social structure of a contemporary Beverly Hills high school. As in her debut movie, Fast Times at Ridgmont High, another happy-go-lucky comedy of pubescent manners, Heckerling exaggerates the ups and downs of teenage life with just the sort of melodramatic embellishment that kids themselves would use. Her eye and ear are still attuned hilariously to the quirks of adolescent dress, talk and musical taste - just as Austen's Xray vision was fixed intently and sympathetically on the prejudices that governed the actions of her class-bound characters. Whether or not the behavior they observe is identical (it's oot), their satiric impulse - at once critical and affectionate - springs from a similar place. With the amazing Alicia Silverstone as Cher, lovable spoiled brat and latterday Emma Woodhouse. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

Albert Finney is a poetry-sponting bus conductor in 'A Man

of No Importance.

*** A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE - It's 1963 in Dublin, and every day Alfie, a cheerful bus conductor with a camation in his lapel and a book under his arm, regales his regular passengers with poetry recitations. At first, English director Suri Krishnamma's film seems to be positioning itself as yet another small, sunny period piece about a charismatic naif with love in his heart and poetry in his soul. But A Man turns out to be a different movie altogether, and a terribly sad and powerful one at that. As Alfie sets out to direct a production of his dream play, Oscar Wilde's Salomé, the movie's tone gradually ripens. By the time we recognize the complex tragedy at hand, we've let down our guard; the pain inherent in Alfie's situation dawns oo us with twice the force because we didn't notice it before. Albert Finney is tremendous in the lead - at once self-effacing and fiery. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.).



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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28 Quietly consume about fifty—then double up (5)

29 Viewers will take note,

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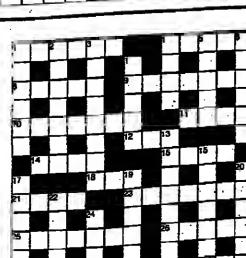
- ACROSS
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- credit, and that is right (5) 11 In bars tea may be served for the teetotaller (9)
- 12 He doesn't like making
- investigation into animals
- 13 Student with gun I wound in a long cloth (5)
- 15 Bargain for a joker? (7)
- 17 Cut tax by five hundred (7) 19 A person sure to succeed,
- though not sharp (7) 21 Notice direction indicating
- the exit (7) otherwise (5)
- 22 A miseile—for war or 24 Hit back about fat, ducks! (8)
- - DOWN
- 1 Knowing artist backing up the church (4)
- 2 A gypsy sees some object in a rent being negotiated (9)
- 3 The learner very seldom exhibits such coolness (5)
- 4 A kitchen gadgst for blending rotates (7) 5 Keep watch (7)
- 7 Row before noon? That's material (5)
- 8 Ominous call in crossing the water (10)
- 9 They could work wonders with hair-after a struggle
- 14 To examine fanciful ideals may result in shock! (10)
- 16 Enjoy a sumptuous meal before parting (8)
- 18 Dispatch spring flowering plant (9)
- 20 Advanced without a medico, all lit up (7)
- 21 The head's about to hire
- painting equipment (7) 23 The girl got up around one
- 25 Fruit drink-about 2p (5) 26 Remain a supporter (4)

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Cruze, 4 Missile, Rowdily, 9 Rivet, 10 Tudor, Emperia, 13 Army, 15 Resume, Threat, 20 Ashy, 22 Trimph, David, 28 Elfin, 27 Grapuel, Tension, 29 Tamer.

DOWN: 1 Curator. 2 Unwed, 3 Epigram, 4 Mayhem, 5 Scrap, 6 Inverse, 7 Entra, 12 Myth, 14 Resp, 16 Stiffen, 18 Hydrant, 19 Tiddler, 21 Shogun, 22 Tweet, 23 Mensi, 25



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27 Wading bird (5)

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6 Type of dog (6)

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18:30 Apropos 19:00 News HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 Every Evening with Merzy Michaeli 20:00 Mabat News 20:50 Live Lotto draw 20:55 Sitton – Israeli drama series 21:40 Referendum with Meni Pe'er 22:40 Roughnecks drama set on an oil drilling platform in the North Sea (part 2) 23:30 Naws 00:00 Verse of the Day

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13:00 Double Agent — Walt Disney film 14:00 Open Cards — young people's talk show 15:00 The Little Mermaid 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 First Love — romantic game show for youngsters 18:00 Ruby - talk show 19:00 Lingo -TV game show 19:30 Comedy Store 20:00 News 20:30 Ramat Aviv 20:00 News 20:30 Ramat Aviv Gimmel – soap opera 21:15 Fact – lara Dayen's investigative program 22:00 Gov Night – comedy 23:05 The X-Files – suspense series 00:00 News 00:05 Night Encounters – interview show, with Kobi Medan 00:35 Love You, Rosa (1972) – Israeli film about the strange relationship

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14:00 Captain Planet - cartoon 14:30 Jonny Quest - cartoon 14:50 Spirit of Adventure 15:40 Scientific Eye - documentary 15:30 Voyagers - drama 17:00 French programs 19:30 News headlines 19:35 You Bet Your Life 20:00 The Secret of the Treasure Islands - documentary 20:25 The Bold and the Beautiful 21:10 99-1 - police drama 22:00 News in English 22:25 I'll Take tan – drama series

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14:00 700 Club 14:55 Matinee Film 18:30 Moomins 16:55 Heathcliff 17:20 Inspector Gadget 17:45 Flying House 18:10 Father Dowling 19:10 Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News Torught (Arabic) 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 America's Funniest Home Videos 21:30 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 22:20 Earth 2 23:10 700 Club 00:00 Special Program

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8:00 Falcon Crest 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Bob 10:55 Cafe Americain 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The Commish 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:50 ENG 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Antonella 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:05 Celeste 20:50 Beverly Hills 90:210 21:40 Friends 22:05 Robin's Hoods 22:50 Mumhy 22:05 Robin's Hoods 22:50 Murphy Brown 23:20 Mad About You 23:45 Sisters 00:35 St. Elsewhere 1:25 Knots Landing

MOVE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Sticky Fingers (1988) - two friends go on a spending spree with somebody else's stolen money (rpt) 12:00 Broadway Bill (1934) - Frank Capra's romantic drama (rpt) 13:40 in Concert - Lou Reed and Lenny Kravitz 14:25 Heavenly Pursuits Kravitz 14:25 Heavenly Pursuits (1985) – comedy staming Tom Conti as a teacher in a Catholic school (rpt) 16:00 L'Effrontee (1985) (rpt) 17:30 Special: Desperado 18:00 Hamlet (1990) (rpt) 20:15 Pointman – drama series 21:00 Another 48 Hours (1990) – action comedy staming Nick Nolte and Eddy Murphy about the tough cop and the wisecracking exconvict. (91 mins) 22:35 Once Upon a Time in China (1991) – Chinese kung-fir actioner based on a tradikung-fu actioner based on a tradi-tional folk story of southern China (120 mins) 00:40 Nightman (1993) – timiler (rpt) 2:15 The Good Father (1987) – about fathers fighting for custody of their children (rpt)

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 8:35 Alvin and the Chipmunks 9:05 Dream Team 9:40 Silver Hawks 10:10 Family Ties 10:45 Covington Cross 11:40 Loony Toons 12:00 Saved by the Bell 12:30 Hugo 13:00 sters 14:05 Casper and Friends 14:30 Speed Racer 15:10 Silver Hawks 15:40 Hanging with Mr. Cooper 16:15 Lois and Clark 17:10 Loony Toons 17:30 Saved by the Bell 18:00 Hugo 18:35 Power Rangers 19:00 Alvin and the Chipmunks 19:30 Three's Company

20:00 Married with Children 20:30 Family Ties 21:00 The Brady Bunch 21:25 Cheers

SECOND SHOWING (5)

22:00 Tree of Wooden Clogs (1978) Award-winning Italian drama direct and by Ermanno Otmi. In 19th-century
Lombardy four farming families try to
maintain their dignity while being
exploited by the local landowner (117 mins) 1:00 Hell on Frisco Bay (1955) - Gangster suspense movie starring Edward G. Robinson and Alan Ladd. An ex-cop seeks vengeance from the man who framed him for murder. Directed by Frank Tuttle (94 mins)

IN DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: History 12:00 Sadhus: India's Holy Men 13:00 United States of Television 14:00 Open University 16:00 Sadhus: India's Holy Men 17:00 United States Television 16:00 Open University 20:00 Manhattan Cable 20:40 Archeology 21:10 Equinox 9 22:00 Air Combat 23:00 Mahattan Cable 23:40 Archeology 00:10 Open

■ ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 The Halwani Gate – Egyptian series 18:30 From Day to Day – chat show 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Opening Shots 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Doctors' Talk 21:15 Weekly Column 23:15 Night Pop 23:45 Closedown

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Ded 16:00 Reading Enrichment 17:00 At the Bottom of the Sea with Delphi 17:30 Time Out 18:00 Jews of North Africa in the Colonial Period 16:30 On Israeli 19:30 On Israeli films in the 70s 19:00 Family Album 19:30 Teenage Problems 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subti-ties) 20:30 G.P. – Australian medical drama series 21:30 American Cinema 22:30 Jerusalem in Art 23:00 Time Out

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 FT Report 6:15 Wall Street 6:30 NEC News 7:00 ITN News 7:15 US Market Wrap 7:30 Winners 8:00 Today featuring ITN World News and FT Business 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Ushuala 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Profiles 22:00 Europa 2000 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Supersport 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien

STAR PLUS

6:00 Beverly Hillbillies 5:30 Cooking in France 7:00 For Your Entertainment 7:30 Gabrielle 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Cooking In France 12:30 El TV 13:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 13:30 Small Wonder 14:00 Black Station 14:30 Batman 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Entertainment Tonight 16:00 M*A*S*H 16:30 Bodyline 17:30 The Extraordinary 18:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 19:00 Santa Barbara 20:00 Hard Copy 20:30 Baywatch 21:30 Andros Targets 22:30 Entertainment Tonight Copy 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 The Sullivans

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6:30 - 8:00 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 US college

roundup 19:00 soccer European Championship basketball. Hapoel Amakim vs German champions 21:00 ice legends 22:00 Spanish league soccer 23:30 NFL

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9:30 Granada-Dakar rally 10:00 Speed world 12:30 Granada Dakar raily 13:00 African Nations Cup soccer preview 15:00 Challenge games 16:00 Tractor towing 17:00 Athletics magazine 18:00 Cross country skiing from Slovenia 19:15 Live World Cup handball: France vs Switzerland 20:30 World Cup handball: Croatia vs Egypt 21:00 Live World Cup handball: Germany vs Russia 22:15 World Cup handball: France vs Switzerland 23:00 Snooker 1:00 Darts 2:00 Granada-Dakar rally

PRIME SPORTS

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Business Report CNN INTERNATIONAL

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WOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Haydn: String quartet in D minor op 9/4 (Festetics Qt): Mozart: Piano concer-to no 22; Stravinsky; 3 pieces for clarinet solo (Meyer); Poulenc: Sonata for 2 clarinets (W. and S. Meyer); Edison Denisov: Sonata for clarinet solo; Berlioz; Ophelia's Death from Tristia, Shadows' Chorus from Lelio, Helen from Ireland song cycle 12:00 Light Classical – film music 13:00 Violinist Shlomo Mintz – Brahms: Sextet in B flat for strings; Bartok, 2 Portraits for violin and orch; Dvorak: Slavonie Dance in E minor for violin and piano op 72/2 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Recording "Studio - Sharon Karn (clarinet), "Itamar Golan (piano). Debussy: IRifapsody no 1: Schumarra 3
Fantasiestücke op 73; Poulenc:
Sonata for clarinet and piano;
Brahms: Sonata in E flat op 120/2 16:00 The Chosen - the best of the year's CDs 18:00 New CDs - Detalande: De Profundis, Sing to the Lord; Bach: Goldberg Variations an Sitisovsky 20:05 From the World's Concert Halls – Lausanne Chamber Orch, soloist Michala Petri (recorder). Stravinsky: Concerto in D

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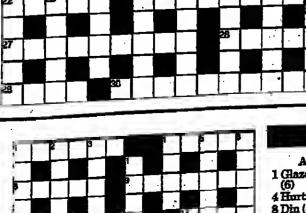
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Shohat: NIS 1.3b. in 'cuts' won't reduce budget

THE NIS 1.3 hillion in hudget "cuts" approved by the cahinet on Sunday will not reduce the total state budget at all, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat told the Knesset yesterday.

Instead, the money cut from the various ministries will be used to cover other expenditures which have become necessary since the cabinet first approved the budget in late July. These include the following:

 NIS 400m. to cover the shortfall in collections of the national bealth tax, as required by law - NIS 200m. to cover last year's shortfall and another NIS 200m. for this year.

• NIS 425m. for the deficits in the defense industries. especially Rafael.

 NIS 240m. to cover the shortfall in the Industry and Trade Ministry's investment grant budget. Otherwise, the ministry's grant budget would bave been exhausted before the year even started, after the government approved two major grants to Intel and Volkswagen for this year.

 NIS 120m. to give various benefits to senior citizens.

Shohat said that while he has been aware of these needs for a couple of months, he did not want to introduce the changes before the Knesset approved the budget last month. He said he feared that, once changes in the budget were permitted, he would be deluged by ministers and MKs demanding their own

pet changes. In addition, he said, he wanted to wait to see the yearend national account figures, to determine bow much last year's hudget deficit had really exceeded the 2.75% goal. Upon seeing that the actual deficit was 3.46% - largely due to lowerthan-expected tax revenues - he decided that tax revenues needed to he boosted for this year to avoid a repeat of this. Therefore, he proposed the 15% gasoline tax.

"These changes [in the

HISTADRUT chairman MK

Amir Peretz intends to declare a

labor dispute in the Interior Minis-

try as a prelude to a strike, follow-

ing the Treasury's prolonged ig-noring of the ministry's workers'

demands to improve their wages.

A labor dispute, and even

more so a strike, would pit Peretz

against his colleague Interior

Minister Haim Ramon, the for-

During the two-week labor dis-

pute, the workers may hold pro-

test meetings and take other or-

ganizational steps to disrupt

The Interior Ministry workers'

union head Natan Zabari told

Peretz yesterday that the workers

of all the other ministries have

received pay raises over the past

few years, leaving the Interior

Ministry staffers at the bottom of the wage scale of 22 ministries.

Zabari said that four different

interior ministers have passed

through the ministry during a

short period, and each one prom-

ised to unprove their wages.

"Just give me a month or two to

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman

will deliver an address in

Hebrew in the Bundestag next

Tuesday, underscoring the

"special relations" between

Some 1,000 people

including the members of both

the Bundestag, Bundesrat, and

the diplomatic corps - will be

present as Weizman becomes

the third foreign head of state to

speak to the parliament in

Bonn. Later, he will meet with

During his state visit,

Weizman will attend a Jewish

memorial service at the

Sachsenhausen concentration

camp where he will he

accompanied by his host.

Herzog will likewise accom-

pany Weizman during a tour of

Berlin, which will include a

stopover at the newly rehult

synagogue in the eastern sector

of the city. There Weizman will

meet with members of the Jew-

ish community.

President Roman Herzog.

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Israel and Germany.

mer Histadrut chairman.

Histadrut to declare labor

dispute at Interior Ministry

MICHAL YUDELMAN

Weizman to address Bundestag

during visit to Germany

BATSHEVA TSUR

Dresden.

tomorrow.

place at city hall.

budgetl are legitimate ones. such as occur every year," he said, trying to defend himself against charges that he had hypassed the Budget Law and the Knesset. The changes, he added, will be brought to the Knesset Finance Committee for approval.

Shohat also tried to defend himself against charges that be should have given the other ministers advance warning, in the face of liberal heckling from the opposition and a completely empty coalition bench.

"Is the elimination of the Energy Ministry still in force?" jeered Ariel Weinstein (Liknd), referring to the fact that the gasoline tax increase was never discussed with Energy Minister Gonen Segev.

The changes were approved by Prime Minister Shimon Peres only on Friday, Shohat replied, and he could not bave them properly printed up and distributed over Shabbat – so ministers were notified only Saturday night.
After Sbobat's statement,

Deputy Speaker Anat Maor (Meretz) granted Dan Tichon (Likud) five minutes for a personal statement" in response, over Shohat's objections. Shobat argued unsuccessfully that this is a deviation from bouse rules, and since the Likud had insisted on sticking strictly to the rules during the budget debate, it sbould do the same here.

"Nine ministers, your fellows, voted against [the bndget cuts]," Tichon said during his statement. "You should get up and resign... Aren't you embarrassed? You are irresponsible, and you don't know how to manage... And, you're a criminal. You violated the basics of the Budget Law [which mandated a 2.75% hudget deficit last year].'

The Likud also collected the 30 signatures needed to force a debate on the budget changes, which will be held next

get organized [they said]. But be-

fore they did anything, they

moved on. Now we have in-

formed Ramon that our time has

run out. The workers in the field are pressing for action."

The absorption of more than

half a million new immigrants

over the past few years has in-

creased the work load of several

cabinet ministries, whose work-

ers received pay raises according-

rior Ministry workers were

skipped over, he said, and contin-

ly. But for some reason, the Inte-



A traveler at Ben-Gurion Airport receives a 'passport' from Elhanan Friedman (far right), the chairman of Ami, The Organization to Improve the Quality of Life in Israel, and Rabbi Yona Metzger of the organization, listing 10 suggestions on how to behave while abroad. Among them: Respecting other people's property, not overeating, keeping places clean, and setting 'an example of courtesy; knowing to say excuse me, thank you, and please.' The passport reminds traveling Israelis that 'while abroad, we are ambassadors of the entire Israeli people.'

Miriam Weissman ordered free on bail

THE Supreme Court yesterday ordered Miriam Weissman, indicted for allegedly killing her daughter, released on NIS 50,000 bail a year after she was first remanded, and a week before the verdict is expected.

Weissman, 76, was indicted in Tel Aviv District Court last January for the murder of her daughter Natalie, 33, in December 1994. According to the indictment, Weissman smothered Natalie while she slept because she had thrown her own nine-year-old daughter down the stairs in a shopping mall. Weissman's husband, Michael, was also indicted, but charges against him were dropped for lack of evidence before the defense began to present its case.

The indictment against Weissman was based largely on the findings of Dr. Yehuda Hiss, head of the Ahu Kabir Forensic Institute, who found marks consistent with smothering on Natalie's face, But he could find no evidence of **EVELYN GORDON**

poisoning. Miriam was remanded until the end of the trial, since murder suspects must be remanded if there is prima facie evidence against them.

The defense later demanded that blood samples be sent to a lab in the US for testing, and this lab discovered a fatal quantity of poison in the body - a finding which was confirmed in a re-examination at Abu Kabir.

Since Natalie, who had spent time in a psychiatric hospital, had tried to commit suicide in the past, Weissman appealed ber remand to the Supreme Court, which decided there was still enough evidence to hold her. A second appeal, lodged after the cross-examination of Dr. Hiss, was also rejected.

can be remanded for more than a year except under special circumstances. The state requested a special extension due to the severity of the crime, but Supreme Court Justice Dalia Dorner yesterday rejected this request.

Dorner noted that even a murderer has the right to have his trial finish within a year. To extend a remand beyond this date, the severity of the crime is not enough. The evidence must be such that, if the district court finds it reliable, it would be enough to convict the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt.

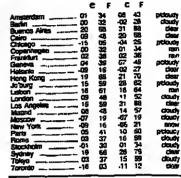
This is not the case in the Weissman trial, however, because the pathological evidence is equivocal, she said. The verdict will depend almost entirely on how the court evaluates the

reliability of the competing expert witnesses.
Furthermore, she pointed out, Weissman is
in no way a danger to society, and imprison-

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Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear, slight

AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, ten of hearts, jack of diamonds, and queen of clubs.

150 Histadrut workers to keep working despite move to Jerusalem

MICHAL YUDELMAN

SOME 150 Histadrut workers who had opted for voluntary retirement in advance of the labor federation's planned move to Jerusalem have changed their minds and announced that they will continue

Consequently, the Histadrut will now have to fire more workers to reduce the number of employees to 450 and cut the budget by some NIS 5 million a month, the cost of these workers' wages. In theory, the workers who coted out of voluntary retirement could now be subject to dismissal.

The Histadrut's new leadership had announced its move to Jerusalem last year, in the hope that many of the 800 employees of the labor federation would leave volontarily.

Former Histadrut chairman Haim Ramon and his colleagues assumed that hundreds of workers, particularly women with children, would not be able to make the daily commute to Jerusalem.

After bitter negotiations, the Histadrut finally offered generous severance fees of up to 250% for those who offered to quit. Nearly 170 workers decided to take ad-

vantage of the retirement plan. Meanwhile, the Histadrut leadership reached an agreement with the remaining workers to provide transport to Jerusalem.

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However, it has now been a year since Weissment is especially hard on the elderly. man's remand, and the law states that no one Jacobovitz: Many national religious are departing from Jewish norms

LORD Immanuel Jakobovits. former chief rabbi of the UK. yesterday criticized the national

religious element in Israeli society, saying that many of them have departed from the norms of Jewish belief and practice, giving the Land of Israel priority over the Torah.

Jakobovits was speaking at the conference of Jewish ministers and members of parliament now being held in Jerusalem under the auspices of the Israel Forum,

the Foreign Ministry, and the

"From the national religious element has emerged, not for the first time for the past year or two, an ideologically motivated murderer with catastrophic consequences for Israel as a whole," Jakobovits said. "From within the secular group, by contrast, have developed commitments to what one would

ome are primarily religous ideals about the pursuit of peace and the rejection of

"The knitted kipps which had been a symbol of honor and respect has become, within wide circles of Israeli society, a mark of contempt.

"In these circumstances." Jakobovits added, "the love of the Land of Israel, assuming priority even over the Torah of Israel, induced a departure from the norms of Jewish belief and He called on national religious

elements to begin soulsearching. "Recovery can only follow a reassessment in which traditional priorities will replace the temporary aberrations ... I believe that [religious Jewry] can best serve by concentrating on the quality of the land rather

than on its quantity."

Labor Ministry to tighten supervision of foreign workers MICHAL YUDELMAN

CONTRACTORS will have to re-

ue to handle many times more people than before, with the same number of workers. Peretz was astounded to learn

that out of the 1,250 ministry employees, only 612 are employed on collective contracts, and the rest were hired on personal contracts, more than in any other

He instructed the union and the Histadrut's trade union people to look into this matter and make sure that the next wage agreement signed in the ministry does something about it.

In Prague, he will receive the

Karl IV medal for his efforts in

East. The ceremony will take

President Vaclav Havel will

accompany Weizman on a flight

to Theresienstadt, which will be

liver an address to leading eco-

On Saturday, the president

will attend services at the oldest

extant synagogue in Europe,

nomic figures in Prague.

Prague's Altneuschol.

new their permits for foreign workers during 1996, and not all the permits will be renewed for a full year, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir said yesterday. The contractors must submit

their applications for foreign workers' permits for the new year hy the middle of this month. Applications will only be considered if they detail the work, wage and housing terms for the workers, as well as the construction projects'

timetable, Namir said. Namir added that half of the 51,000 permits for foreign construction workers will be renewed

for the first six months of the year. while the other half will be extended until the end of 1996. During the first half of the year, the Employment Service will determine whether the continued employment of so many foreign workers is The ministry's decision to tight-

en the supervision over foreign workers' employment here follows repeated complaints of employer

abuse of foreign workers.

The complaints include employers holding the workers' passports, which is illegal; failing to pay them; leaving them stranded without pay or food on a building site and disappearing; and housing them in subhuman conditions. According to Kay Laoved, an

organization that helps protect

workers' rights, some employers withhold workers' pay for several months, then take them to the airport after midnight, assuring them they will receive their money after they go through passport control. Then the employers disappear, leaving the employees penniless.

In another case, Romanian workers found that \$400, rather than the customary \$100, had been deducted from their pay as a "safety guarantee," and the fee was never returned. The workers were also not paid for holidays.

Liba'i opposes bill banning publication of army casualties without IDF okay **EVELYN GORDON** "In my opinion, there is justifi-cation for delaying publication of a families are notified, but the fact disaster for a very short period, to

JUSTICE Minister David Liba'i yesterday promised to fight a proposed Defense Ministry bill forbidding publication of any incident involving army casualties without the approval of the IDF Under the proposed bill, any-

one who reported such an incident

without the army's okay would be

Before departing, Weizman liable to a year in prison, and the will tour the Volkswagen facinterior minister would bave the tory in Hanover and visit right to close any paper that pubished such a report. The visit will be preceded by a The bill is meant to prevent the state visit to the Czech Republic, where Weizman is to arrive

public from knowing that casualties have occurred until the families have been notified, so that initial publication of the event can also include the names of the dead promoting peace in the Middle and wounded.

ties are not published until the

that they have occurred is published immediately. This creates great anxiety for anyone with a relative in the army, since they have no way of knowing their loved one is safe until the names are published, hours or even days

However, Liba'i said, this amendment is inappropriate in a democratic country, since it constitutes a severe infringement on freedom of the press, even if used properly, and could easily be abused. Furthermore, he said, it is un-

healthy to create a climate of rumors regarding the occurrence of an incident, which is the alternative to immediate publication.

make an effort to notify the families ... but this delay must be the product of a voluntary arrangement with the editors, instead of a law." he said. "A legal ban will open a gateway for unreasonable use of the IDF Spokesman's veto power on the publication of news items, with no possibility of effective supervision. I will speak with the Press Council and the editors about this issue, but I do not intend to bring the proposed bill [to the Knesset

The justice minister does not have veto power over proposed bills, hut he does have considerable influence as bead of the Ministerial Committee on Legislation.

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Currently, the names of casual-Haifa man held in connection with murder of elderly couple

followed by a visit to the Czech POLICE have arrested a Haifa airbase at which Weizman spent eight months during 1948. man in connection with the mur-During the visit, Agriculture der of an elderly couple who were found in their apartment in the Minister Ya'acov Tzur wili sign an agreement with his Czech central Cannel district on You Kippur Eve, having apparently counterpart. Bank of Israel been beaten to death. Governor Jacob Frenkel will de-

The couple had been lying dead in the rented flat for several weeks before neighbors concerned at not seeing anybody entering or leaving the place, although a window had been left open, informed the landDAVID RUDGE

lord. He subsequently sent his son to the apartment, and he called

police because of a strong smell. The bodies of the couple were in an advanced stage of decomposition when they were discovered, and sent to the Abu Kabir forensic institute for an autopsy.

The couple were subsequently identified as Maldan Boskavitch, 66, and his wife Rita, 68, who immigrated to Israel from Sarajevo in 1992. Supt. Shlomit Binkosvky said that after extensive inquiries, a

suspect, 48, had been arrested in connection with the murders. She said the man was suspected of having been involved in the murders with a number of other people. She said he would be

brought to court today for a remand hearing, and that more arrests are expected.

